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Rubio Announces Run For The White House

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio waves to the crowd after announcing that he will be running for the Republican presidential nomination during a rally at the Freedom Tower, Monday, April 13, 2015, in Miami. Rubio is joined by his wife Jeanette, right, and their four children, from left, Amanda, Daniella, Dominic and Anthony. (AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

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Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Sen. Marco Rubio entered the presidential race Monday with a promise to move the U.S. beyond the politics of the past, a jab at both Democratic favorite Hillary Rodham Clinton and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. Standing in front of a banner that proclaimed “A New American Century,” the 43-year-old Cuban-American used his first speech as a presidential candidate to take on two of America’s political dynasties. In doing so, the first-term Florida senator who hopes to become the first Hispanic president bet heavily on Americans’ frustrations with Washington and his ability to change how Republicans are seen by voters. “This election is not just about what laws we will pass,” he said Monday



Florida Sen. Marco Rubio smiles as he arrives at a rally at the Freedom Tower, Monday, April 13, 2015, in Miami.

(AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

evening. “It is a generational choice about what kind of country we will be.” He said it’s also a choice between the haves and have-nots, nodding to his own upbringing by work-

ing-class, immigrant parents. Rubio faces steep challenges to the nomination, including a well-funded one that Bush is expected to offer. The son of one

president and brother of another, Jeb Bush once mentored Rubio. Rubio spoke first to his top donors a day after Clinton announced her bid for the Democratic nomination.

Rubio told his most generous backers that he feels “uniquely qualified” to pitch his party as one that will defend the American Dream, a dream he said was fading for too many families. Clinton’s entrance into the race with an online video Sunday was robbing some attention from Rubio’s splash into the race. But Rubio saw an opportunity to cast the presidential contest as one between a fresh face representing a new generation of leadership and familiar faces harking back decades — namely, the 62-year-old Bush and the 67-year-old Clinton. Rubio’s swipe at Bush was implied; with Clinton, he was more direct. “Just yesterday, we heard from a leader from yesterday who wants to take us back to yesterday, but I feel that this country has always been about tomorrow,” he told donors. □



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Jodi Arias gets life term with no chance for release

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Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — A judge sentenced convicted murderer Jodi Arias to life in prison without the possibility of release on Monday, ending a nearly seven-year-old case that attracted worldwide attention with its salacious details. The decision by Judge Sherry Stephens was largely a formality after a jury deadlocked last month on whether to give Arias the death penalty or life in prison. The mistrial removed the death penalty as an option. The only decision left Monday was whether the judge would allow Arias, 34, to be eligible for release after 25 years. She declined to do that, meaning Arias will spend the rest of her life in prison. Arias' 2013 trial became a media sensation and gained international attention as details of her tawdry relationship with on-again-



Jodi Arias, left, looks on next to her attorney, Jennifer Willmott, during her sentencing in Maricopa County Superior Court, Monday, April 13, 2015, in Phoenix. A judge sentenced Arias, a convicted murderer, to life in prison without the possibility of release, ending a nearly seven-year-old case that attracted worldwide attention with its salacious details.

(Mark Henle/AP)

off-again boyfriend Travis Alexander and the violent crime scene emerged while the courtroom saga was broadcast live. Arias gave a rambling statement in which she stood by her testimony and accused police and prosecutors of changing their story during the investigation.

"The most important thing I want to say is that I'm very sorry for the enormous pain I caused to the people who loved Travis," she said. "I'm truly disgusted and I'm

repulsed with myself."

Arias killed Alexander in 2008 in what prosecutors said was retaliation for his desire to break off the relationship. She shot him and stabbed him nearly 30 times in his suburban Phoenix home before fleeing and driving to Utah to meet up with another romantic interest. She was arrested weeks later and initially denied any involvement.

The original jury deadlocked on whether to sentence Arias to death, setting up another penalty phase trial that began last year. After months of testimony and efforts by Arias' lawyers to portray Alexander as a sexual deviant who physically and emotionally abused her, the second jury also failed to reach a unanimous decision — this time 11-1 in favor of death. The 11 jurors who wanted the death penalty said the holdout juror had an agenda and was sympathetic to Arias. □

Community college shooting victim was a long-time worker

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Associated Press

GOLDSBORO, North Carolina (AP) — A 20-year-old former student with a rifle entered a community college campus building Monday morning and killed a print shop director who had just arrived at work, school officials and authorities said. The two men knew each other but it's not immediately clear what led to the shooting, according to authorities, who are searching for Kenneth Stancil, who had worked for the victim. Authorities do not believe the shooting was random.

Police have swept the Wayne Community College campus and think Stancil, a former third-year student, has fled. A manhunt involving helicopters and dogs, was underway. The victim, Ron Lane, was a long-time campus employee. He was shot to death on the third floor of the Wayne Learning Center, which houses the cafeteria and library, school spokeswoman Tara Humphries said.

"There has been one fatality, and there is one shooter," said Kim Best, spokeswoman for the city of Goldsboro, where the school is located.

A student told The Associated Press that he heard a single gunshot and saw officers with their guns drawn storming into the learning center.

First-year student Jovann Williams, 24, was climbing the staircase inside the building and had almost reached the second floor when he heard a single muffled pop.

It took a minute, he said, for him to recognize the sound was that of a gunshot. □

Oklahoma deputy charged in suspect's shooting death

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Associated Press
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)

— Prosecutors charged a white reserve sheriff's deputy with manslaughter Monday in the death of a black man who was fatally shot as he lay on the ground at the officer's feet. The sheriff's office has said that Robert Bates, a 73-year-old insurance executive who was volunteering on an undercover operation in Tulsa, mistakenly pulled out his handgun instead of his stun gun and shot the suspect as he struggled with deputies. Bates was charged with second-degree manslaughter involving "culpable negligence" for the April 2 death of Eric Harris, 44.

A video of the incident shot by deputies with sunglasses cameras and released Friday at the request of the victim's family, shows a deputy chase and tackle Harris, whom they said tried to sell an illegal gun to an undercover officer.

As the deputy subdues Harris on the ground, a gunshot rings out and a man says: "Oh, I shot him. I'm sorry." Harris screams: "He shot me. Oh, my God," and a deputy replies: "You f---ing ran. Shut the f--- up." Harris was treated by medics at the scene and died in a Tulsa hospital.

The family said in a statement that it was "saddened, shocked, confused and disturbed."

"Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of all of this is the inhumane and malicious treatment of Eric after he was shot," the family wrote. "These deputies treated Eric as less than human. They treated Eric as if his life had no value."

The case is one among many that have increasingly worried civil rights advocates who say that stun guns, promoted as tools to avoid lethal force, too often figure into the death of a suspect. The Associated Press has found at least a half-dozen other fa-

tal shootings of black men by police with stun guns involved since 2012.

The case also was certain to raise questions about the use of volunteer officers to supplement full-time police.

The use of reserve officers is commonplace across Oklahoma and much of the nation. Cities and counties often turn to them for extra manpower because of a lack of resources and tight budgets. They are sometimes used to free up regular officers to concentrate on high-priority duties. Reserve deputies are permitted to carry firearms but have far less training than regular officers. □



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Ex-guards to get lengthy prison sentences for Iraq shootings

Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge sentenced one former Blackwater security guard to life in prison and three others to 30-year terms for their roles in a 2007 shooting that killed 14 Iraqi civilians and wounded 17 others.

The carnage in Baghdad's Nisoor Square caused an international uproar over the use of private security guards in a war zone.

U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth sentenced Nicholas Slatten, who witnesses said was the first to fire shots in the incident, to life on a charge of first-degree murder. The three other guards — Paul Slough, Evan Liberty and Dustin Heard — were each sentenced to 30 years and one day in prison for charges that included manslaughter, attempted manslaughter and using firearms while committing a felony.

In their first public statements since the shooting, the former contractors — appearing in leg shackles

and prison garb — insisted they are innocent.

"I cannot say in all honesty to the court that I did anything wrong," Heard told the judge.

Lamberth announced the sentences after a daylong hearing at which defense lawyers had argued for leniency and presented character witnesses for their clients, and prosecutors asked that those sentences — the minimums mandatory under the law — be made even harsher. He rejected both requests.

"Based on the seriousness of the crimes, I find the penalty is not excessive," Lamberth said.

All four were convicted in October for their involvement in the killings in the crowded traffic circle in downtown Baghdad. The legal fight over the killings has spanned years.

Prosecutors described the shooting as an unprovoked ambush of civilians and said the men haven't shown remorse or taken responsibility. Defense law-



Family members, friends and supporters of four former Blackwater security guards follow Steptoe & Johnson attorney Brian Heberlig, center, representing Paul Slough of Keller, Texas, as they depart the Barrett Prettyman Federal Courthouse in Washington, Monday, April 13, 2015, following sentencing for four former Blackwater security guards in connection with a 2007 shooting of civilians in Iraq.

(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)


yers countered that the men were targeted with gunfire and shot back in self-defense.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick Martin urged the court to consider the gravity of the crime as well as the


sheer number of dead and wounded and "count every victim."

"These four men have refused to accept virtually any responsibility for their crimes and the blood they shed that day," Martin said.

Video monitors in the courtroom showed photos of the dead and wounded, as well as images of cars that were riddled with bullets or blown up with grenade launchers fired by the Blackwater guards. □



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Airline passengers have more to complain about, report finds



Travelers wait to claim their baggage at LaGuardia Airport in New York. An annual report being released Monday, April 13, 2015, states that government data shows more flights are late, more bags are getting lost, and customers are lodging more complaints about U.S. airlines.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

DAVID KOENIG
AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Think flying is getting worse? A pair of university researchers who track the airline business

say it's a fact.

More flights are late, more bags are getting lost, and customers are lodging more complaints about U.S. airlines, government data shows. Dean Headley, a marketing professor at Wichita State and one of the co-authors of the annual report being released Monday, said passengers already know that air travel is getting worse. "We just got the numbers to prove it."

For the third straight year, Virgin America led the rankings. The niche airline with a limited route network was followed by Hawaiian Airlines and Delta Air Lines.

Among other findings in the report:

—**LATENESS:** The percentage of flights that arrived on time fell to 76.2 percent last year from 78.4 percent in 2013. Best: Hawaiian Airlines. Worst: Envoy Air, which operates most American Eagle flights.

—**LOST BAGS:** The rate of lost, stolen or delayed bags rose 13 percent in 2014. Best: Virgin America. Worst: Envoy. Airlines lose one bag for every 275 or so passengers, but at Envoy, the rate is one lost bag for every 110 passengers, according to government figures.

—**OVERBOOKING:** The rate of passengers getting bumped from flights rose 3 percent. Best: Virgin America. Worst: a tie, between SkyWest and its ExpressJet subsidiary.

—**COMPLAINTS:** Consumer complaints to the government jumped 22 percent in 2014. Best: Alaska Airlines. Worst: Frontier.

Regional carriers, which operate flights under names like American Eagle, United Express and Delta Con-

nection, tend to earn the worst marks. They fly smaller planes, so when airlines are forced to cut flights due to bad weather, they ground the regionals first to inconvenience fewer passengers. Envoy Air, which operates most American Eagle flights, finished last in the overall rankings.

But the picture was bleak at the four biggest U.S. airlines too. On-time performance fell and complaint rates rose at American, United, Delta and Southwest. The researchers blamed consolidation through mergers, which has reduced competition.

Headley said airlines performed better in the years after 2001, when travel demand fell and planes were less crowded.

Airlines were also losing money. They returned to profitability when the airlines left after mergers limited flights to keep fares up.

The average plane is now more than 80 percent full at most airlines, and many flights are oversold.

"They have put the same number of people in fewer airplanes," Headley said in an interview. "Anytime the system ramps up, it goes haywire."

Airlines are ordering new planes and making other investments that they promise will lead to better service.

Many of the biggest improvements are targeted at the airlines' most valued customers — those in first-class and business-class sections.

The annual report is now in its 25th year. Headley and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University professor Brent Bowen use information that the airlines submit to the U.S. Department of Transportation. □



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American Living:

Tax Day extra difficult for many same-sex married couples

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A necessary burden for most Americans, Tax Day is an accounting nightmare for thousands of gay and lesbian couples as they wrestle with the uneven legal status of same-sex marriage in the United States. They live in a country that recognizes their marriages, but some reside in the 13 states that do not, an issue that will be argued before the Supreme Court later this month.

At tax time, and Wednesday is the filing deadline, it gets complicated because most state income tax returns use information from a taxpayer's federal return. Straight couples simply copy numbers



Rev. Brian K. Wilbert, right, and Yorki Encalada, hold their marriage certificate and tax forms at the Christ Episcopal Church in Oberlin, Ohio. A necessary burden for thousands of gay and lesbian couples as they wrestle with the uneven legal status of same-sex marriage in the United States.

(AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

from one form to another. But that doesn't work for same-sex couples reporting combined incomes, deductions and exemptions on their federal tax returns. These couples must untangle their finances on their state returns, where they are still considered single. "We're adults, we're contributing to the welfare of society and yet, here's this one thing that just reaches up every year and kind of slaps us in the face," said Brian Wilbert, an Episcopal priest from Ohio.

Wilbert married his husband, Yorki Encalada, in 2012, at a ceremony in New York state. He is filing a joint federal tax return for the second time this year. But Ohio, which doesn't recognize same-sex marriages, requires the couple to file their state tax returns as if they were single.

"It may not be the most burning thing," Wilbert said. "But as we think about equality and marriage equality, this is an important thing because it's part of what couples do." The number of states that recognize same-sex marriages has grown to 37, plus the District of Columbia capital district, since the Supreme Court struck down part of the federal Defense of Marriage Act in 2013, which defined marriage as being between a man and a woman. That ruling stopped short of declaring same-sex marriage legal nationwide, but a series of lower court have since struck down gay marriage bans in many states. After the ruling, the IRS tax agency announced that it would recognize same-sex marriages for federal tax purposes, even if couples

lived in states that did not. The Supreme Court is scheduled hear arguments in another same-sex marriage case April 28. Advocates hope the court will compel the remaining states to recognize gay and lesbian marriages.

Opponents of same-sex marriage want the court to send the issue back to the states. They note that recognition of same-sex marriage has spread largely through court orders, rather than the ballot box.

"It's not about the rights of a handful of people who want to change the institution of marriage," said Phil Burrell of Citizens for Community Values, an Ohio group. "It's about the will of the people."

The benefits of marriage are a mixed bag when it comes to taxes. Some couples, especially those with disparate incomes, can lower their combined tax bills by getting married. Others pay a marriage penalty.

The vast majority of married couples in the U.S. file joint federal tax returns in which they combine their incomes, exemptions, deductions and credits to calculate their tax liability. But same-sex couples are not allowed to file joint tax returns in most states that don't recognize their marriages. Instead, they have to unravel their finances and file separate state returns. "So you have this one return that would normally give you the numbers to do your state tax return, but instead you have to split all your incomes again and pretend like you're not married," said Deb L. Kinney, a partner at the law firm of Johnston, Kinney & Zulaica in San Francisco. □

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Russia lifts ban on delivery of S-300 missiles to Iran



Russian President Vladimir Putin listens during a meeting in the Novo Ogaryovo residence, outside Moscow on Monday, April 13, 2015. The Kremlin says Russia has lifted its ban on the delivery of a sophisticated air defense missile system to Iran. (Mikhail Klimentyev/Pool Photo via AP)

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Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — President Vladimir Putin on Monday sanctioned the delivery of a highly capable Russian air defense missile system to Iran, a game changer move that would significantly bolster the Islamic republic's military capability and fuel Israel's concerns.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry objected to Mos-

cow's decision in a phone call to Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, and the White House indicated the move could endanger plans to ultimately lift sanctions on Iran as part of a proposed nuclear deal. White House press secretary Josh Earnest said unity and coordination with nations like Russia is critical to the success of the negotiations. Washington has said Moscow played a

constructive role in the Iranian nuclear talks, despite sharp differences between Russia and the West over Ukraine.

Putin's move was quickly welcomed by Tehran, while it worried Israel, which saw it as a sign that Iran already had begun to cash in on the emerging nuclear deal with world powers that is expected to be finalized by the end of June.

Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said the missile system could be shipped to Iran at any moment.

Russia signed the \$800 million contract to sell Iran the S-300 missile system in 2007, but suspended their delivery three years later because of strong objections from the United States and Israel. Putin on Monday lift-

ed that ban.

The preliminary agreement on settling the Iranian nuclear standoff struck earlier this month made the 2010 Russian ban unnecessary, Lavrov said in a televised statement.

The framework agreement reached by Iran and six world powers is intended to significantly restrict its ability to produce nuclear weapons while giving it relief from international sanctions. The agreement is supposed to be finalized by June 30, and there is no firm agreement yet on how or when to lift the international sanctions on Iran.

The S-300 missile system, which has a range of up to 200 kilometers (125 miles) and the capability to track down and strike multiple

targets simultaneously, is one of the most potent air defense weapons in the world.

"The S-300 is exclusively a defensive weapon, which can't serve offensive purposes and will not jeopardize the security of any country, including, of course, Israel," Lavrov said. Deployed in big numbers, the system could provide a strong deterrent against any air attack. If Israel decides to attack Iran's nuclear facilities, the S-300s would further complicate the already daunting task. Israeli Cabinet minister Yuval Steinitz said the framework nuclear agreement helped legitimize Iran and cleared the way for Monday's announcement by Russia. □

Dutch populist Wilders draws a crowd of 10,000 at PEGIDA rally

DRESDEN, Germany (AP) — Some 10,000 people took part in an anti-Islam rally in eastern Germany where the main speakers was Dutch populist politician Geert Wilders.

The group Patriotic Europeans against the Islamization of the West, known by its German acronym PEGIDA, had predicted a crowd of 30,000 would show up for the weekly event in Dresden.

PEGIDA's recent protests have all fallen far short the 25,000 people the group mobilized in January, prompting concern at the time that anti-foreigner sentiment might be gain-

ing mainstream appeal again in Germany.

Police said some 2,500 people took part in a counter-protest organized by an alliance of groups calling itself "Dresden free of Nazis." A court had banned the counter-protest from getting within sight or earshot of PEGIDA, citing the group's right to freedom of speech.

PEGIDA plans to participate in Dresden's mayoral vote in June, the first time the group will take part in an election. Early polls show its candidate trailing behind those put forward by the main political parties. □



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Low turnout in Sudan vote set to extend al-Bashir's rule



President Omar al-Bashir casts his ballot as he runs for another term, on the first day of the presidential and legislative elections, in Khartoum, Sudan, Monday, April 13, 2015. Sudan began voting Monday in an election expected to be won by al-Bashir, who has ruled Sudan unchallenged for 25 years.

(AP Photo/Mosa'ab Elshamy)

MAGGIE MICHAEL
Associated Press
KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — Only a trickle of voters, some in uniform, showed up at a polling station in Sudan on Monday as the country took part in an election that will almost certainly extend the 25-year rule of President Omar al-Bashir, the world's only sitting head of state wanted on genocide charges.

As polls closed at 6:00 p.m. (1500 GMT) on the first of three days of voting, election employees counted ballots. In one middle class neighborhood, just 3 percent of more than 3,000 registered voters had turned up. "This is extremely low," an election employee said as he locked up the center. "I don't know what is going on. We didn't expect

that." He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

The second multi-candidate election to be held in Sudan since al-Bashir came to power in a bloodless 1989 coup has been boycotted by major opposition parties. They had demanded postponement until the formation of a coalition government to oversee the vote and ensure its fairness.

The opposition also campaigned for ending al-Bashir's rule, spray-painting "irhal" or "leave" on walls and election posters. But they said widespread voter apathy, and not their boycott, would be the main cause of the expected low turnout.

The election has generated little excitement in Sudan, but is not entirely insignificant. Al-Bashir must remain in office to ensure he is never sent to the Hague to face war crimes charges related to the Darfur conflict, and needs

at least the veneer of legitimacy to attract badly needed foreign aid and investment after the 2011 secession of oil-rich South Sudan.

Al-Bashir arrived at a polling center to cast his ballot dressed in white traditional robes, surrounded by bodyguards and top state officials. The 71-year-old leader waved to his supporters and said "God is great" before leaving in a convoy.

Al-Bashir's polling center, at a school in central Khartoum, is surrounded by buildings belonging to the security establishment. Residents said plainclothes intelligence personnel flocked to the center to cast their ballots, as did men in uniform.

Al-Bashir has ruled Sudan unchallenged for 25 years and presents himself as a guarantor of stability. He survived the 2011 Arab Spring and his massive security apparatus has left the once-vibrant opposition a husk of its former self.

In the impoverished Khartoum district of al-Ezba, a handful of female voters sat on benches waiting for their turn as they complained about the lack of electricity, clean water, hospitals, schools and health insurance.

"The people love al-Bashir and I hope he can do something to fix things," said Um Zain, mother of four children.

The 2011 secession of South Sudan, which ended Africa's longest-running civil war, deprived Khartoum of a third of its territory and population, and nearly 80 percent of its oil revenues. At least three major insurgencies are raging in the country's east, west and south.

Economic losses from South Sudan's succession forced al-Bashir to embark on austerity measures in 2013 that sparked the largest anti-government demonstrations of his rule. Security forces clamped down, killing some 200 people and arresting hundreds more. □

Pakistani PM urges Iran to bring Yemen's rebels to talks

ASIF SHAHZAD
Associated Press
ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan's prime minister on Monday called on Iran to use its influence to help bring Yemen's Shiite rebels to the negotiating table on the crisis roiling their country, where Saudi-led airstrikes have been targeting the rebels for over two weeks. The call came after the parliament in Sunni-majority Pakistan voted on Friday against contributing troops to the Saudi-led coalition, as Pakistani officials said the kingdom had requested. Lawmakers also unanimously demanded that

Pakistan "maintain its neutrality in the Yemen conflict" in order to help negotiate a diplomatic solution. The fighting in Yemen has increasingly taken on the appearance of a proxy war between Shiite powerhouse Iran and Sunni Saudi Arabia, regional rivals that are also at loggerheads over conflicts in Syria and elsewhere. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said he had discussed Yemen in depth with Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif who visited Islamabad last week, and that he denounced the power grab by the Yemeni rebels known as

Houthis. "The violent overthrow of Yemen's legitimate government by the Houthis has set a dangerous precedent," Sharif said. "It is fraught with serious risks for the entire region." In the vote Friday, the parliament said Pakistan will "initiate steps before the U.N. Security Council ... to bring about an immediate cease-fire in Yemen," and warned of regional implications if the conflict becomes an all-out sectarian war. The parliament decision drew criticism from Saudi Arabia and its Sunni Gulf Arab allies.

Sharif insisted on Monday that the disappointment expressed in Gulf countries was the result of an apparent misinterpretation of the parliament resolution and assured Saudi Arabia of Pakistan's full support as an ally. "Pakistan doesn't abandon friends and strategic partners, especially when their security is under threat," Sharif said. "We have already intensified contacts with Saudi Arabia to monitor the ground situation and possible threats to the security and territorial integrity of the kingdom," he said. Earlier, Pakistani officials

said that Saudi Arabia had asked Islamabad to provide troops, warplanes and warships for the anti-Houthi campaign. The kingdom has purportedly been seeking to expand the coalition, made up of fellow Gulf nations as well as Egypt and Sudan, which has waged the airstrikes campaign for over two weeks and is reportedly considering a ground incursion. At the same time, Shiite power Iran, which supports the Houthis, has also lobbied Pakistan and other Sunni nations to back a cease-fire and a negotiated end to the conflict. □



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Brazil VP says government is 'paying attention' to protests

JENNY BARCHFIELD

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

The Brazilian government is "paying attention" to demonstrations demanding the impeachment of President Dilma Rousseff, the vice president says.

Demonstrators angry about a massive corruption scheme at state-run oil company Petrobras, as well as a sputtering economy, falling currency and spiraling inflation, took to the streets in cities across this continent-sized country on Sunday, though the turnout was lower than in similar demonstrations on March 15.

Speaking to journalists following Sunday's rallies, Vice President Michel Temer said the government "needs to identify what the demands (of the demonstrations) are and attend to those demands."

"That's what the government is doing," Temer said late Sunday. Rousseff herself had not yet responded directly to Sunday's protests.

Groups that organized the demonstrations, mostly via social media, have vary-

ing agendas. Most support impeaching Rousseff, but others' demands range from more lenient gun control laws to a military coup. Analysts say the lack of a single, unified objective may have affected turnout on Sunday.

"There is little indication that the opposition forces have plans other than being 'against' the current president," Jeff Lesser, a Brazilian history expert at Emory University, wrote in an email.

Another analyst, Carlos Melo, of the Sao Paulo-based Insper business school, said that the lower turnout has dialed down the pressure on the government and predicted that the future of the protest movement will largely depend on revelations emerging from the investigation at Petrobras, as well as the performance of Brazil's economy.

"If things worsen, the pressure will increase," he said. One president, Fernando Collor de Mello, has been impeached since Brazil's return to democracy in 1985, but many legal experts have said that



Demonstrators takes part in an anti-government protest in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The Brazilian government is "paying attention" to demonstrations demanding the impeachment of President Dilma Rousseff, the vice president says. (AP Photo/Nelson Antoine)

Rousseff could only be impeached if evidence emerges directly linking her to crimes committed during her second term, which began in January. □

Chile:

Lagos criticizes Venezuela's Maduro

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Former Chilean President Ricardo Lagos is joining more than two dozen other ex-leaders in urging greater respect for human rights in Venezuela.

Lagos complained Monday that Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro hasn't even allowed the International Red Cross to visit jailed opposition leaders. He says that even Gen. Augusto Pinochet "allowed the Red Cross into Chile," during his 1973-1990 dictatorship.

"When you see someone who has been held for a year in extremely harsh conditions, or when 100 people, mostly hooded, kidnap a mayor and he ends up jailed without any court order, or when the United Nations says that there are more than 80 political prisoners, then obviously human rights are being violated," Lagos said after meeting with the wives of jailed Venezuelan opposition leaders Leopoldo Lopez and Antonio Ledezma.



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Mining in Haiti on hold amid uncertainty and opposition

BEN FOX

Associated Press

CAP-HAITIEN, Haiti (AP) —

The 50-year-old man from the village scrambled up a grassy hill to ask the onsite manager of a U.S. mining company for work. Joseph Tony had heard VCS Mining Inc. was bringing jobs, along with paved roads and electricity, to this corner of rural northern Haiti. "Everybody is waiting," he said.

But Williamcote Noel, the only VCS employee in Haiti, had nothing to offer. Although the company received one of two government gold mining permits in December 2012, its Morne Bossa project was frozen two months later when Parliament imposed a moratorium on mining activity amid deep concern about the country's capacity to regulate such a complex industry.

Mining had been seen as a potential new source of revenue and jobs for impoverished Haiti after the January 2010 earthquake devastated the capital in the south. Companies spent \$30 million prospecting, with the encourage-

ment of a government eager to bring development to the countryside, where most people get by on subsistence farming and lack even basic services.



In this March 31, 2015 photo, Joseph Tony walks on the hill on the Morne Bossa mining site in Cap Haitien, Haiti. The 50-year-old man scrambled up a grassy hill to ask the onsite manager of the U.S. mining company for work. Tony had heard VCS Mining Inc. was bringing jobs, along with paved roads and electricity, to this corner of rural northern Haiti. "Everybody is waiting," he said. (AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)

But the new era in mining that some had predicted remains out of reach because the Haiti has been unable to enact a revised

mining law establishing such fundamental issues as the environmental regulations and royalty revenues. Now it's too late for this government. The adminis-

tration of President Michel Martelly, a musician who had little support in the Senate and Chamber of Deputies when he took of-

fice in May 2011, was unable to get the law completed and passed before Parliament was dissolved in January. The prospects when a new government

takes over next year are uncertain.

"Everything is being put on hold," said Tucker Barrie, vice president of explora-

tion for Majescor Resources Inc., a Canadian company that received the other production permit, for two concessions north of Morne Bossa.

Majescor once had up to 100 workers in Haiti assisting with its exploration, but went down to a single caretaker. After spending \$5 million, the company last month turned over its stake to its Haitian subsidiary in exchange for a share of any future royalties. Barrie said that will require the local firm to find a new partner or outside capital. "There will be little interest until the mining law issues are resolved," he said. Mining giant Newmont Mining Corp., which was studying Haiti for potential sites in partnership with Eurasian Minerals Inc., suspended active exploration in the country in 2012, according to spokesman Omar Jabara.

Before the post-quake mining push, the mineral extraction industry had been dormant in Haiti since a copper mine near Gonaives closed in the 1970s.

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Would-be extremist recruit from Jamaica detained in Suriname

DAVID McFADDEN

Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) —

A Jamaican teenager has been detained in the South American country of Suriname on suspicion of being a would-be militant hoping to join Islamic extremists.

In a statement, Suriname's police force said the 16-year-old was denied entry after arriving at the country's main airport on a flight over the weekend. The teen, whose identity was not disclosed, was apparently trying to fly to the

Netherlands and then to Turkey.

An intelligence agency Suriname police did not identify informed them that the Jamaican apparently intended to slip into Syria to join Islamic State militants. After being questioned and obtaining background information on the youth, he was flown back to Jamaica.

Jamaica's national security ministry did not provide comment. Last month, the ministry insisted there was "no evidence" of Jamai-

cans joining the Islamic State group or other terrorist groups a few days after a U.S. general identified the island as one of the Caribbean nations that have produced roughly 100 would-be militants fighting with Islamic extremists in Syria.

Gen. John Kelly, who heads the U.S. Southern Command, said Iran and Islamic extremist groups were doing a "fair amount" of recruiting in the region, with some people becoming radicalized through the In-

ternet and others through radical mosques. He listed Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Suriname and Venezuela as countries where officials believe recruits have departed for Syria.

Overall, the Caribbean is apparently a small source of foreign fighters. A recent U.N. report said the number of fighters leaving home to join al-Qaida and the Islamic State has spiked to more than 25,000 from over 100 nations. The report mentioned an increase in fighters from Trinidad, where

Islamic militants tried to overthrow the government in 1990.

During President Barack Obama's trip to Jamaica last week to meet with Caribbean Community leaders, Trinidad Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar issued a statement saying she was "very concerned of the threat of terrorism" for her country and the region. She disclosed that the U.S. has agreed to a "Caribbean security summit" which she says could be held as early as June. □



Arion Wine Company Hosts Lovely Reception at Tierra del Sol

WEST PUNT - The island's most popular golf tournament, organized by Arion Wine Company in conjunction with Wente Vineyards and Papiamento Restaurant took place at Tierra Del Sol Golf Course recently.

On the eve of the tournament, winegrower Eric Wente welcomed sponsors and players to the tropical garden of the Papiamento Restaurant with a flute of his very own excellent Wente Sparkling Wine, and thanked them personally for their participation in the



charity golf tournament the following day.

The party was superbly catered by Papiamento Restaurant whose owner, chef and proprietor Eduardo Ellis joined Govert van der Hout of Arion Wine Company, in meeting and greeting guests.

Papiamento restaurant's food was nicely paired with some of Wente Vineyards finest selections such

as Wente Vineyards Louis Mel Sauvignon Blanc, Wente Vineyards Morning Fog Chardonnay, Wente Vineyards Reliz Creek, Pinot Noir, Wente Vineyards, Riverbank Riesling, and Wente Vineyards Sandstone Merlot, among them. Govert van der Hout explained that Arion Wine Company has been organizing the golf tournament for the past 11 years, when the company was founded. He has been representing Wente Vineyards since then, carrying seven fine varieties of wines, all the ones served at the reception.

Wente wines, he adds, appear on wine menus in some of Aruba most famous restaurants, including The Ritz Carlton, the Flying Fishbone, Que Pasa, and Papiamento Restaurant.

Over the past 10 years the Wente Vineyards - Papiamento Restaurant Golf Tournament raised more than Awg 20.000, thanks to the generosity of its three partner-sponsors.

This year's recipient of the funds, Telefon pa Hubentud, was picked together with the Ellis family, matriarch Lenie Ellis and her son, chef proprietor Edward Ellis. They selected the not-for-profit foundation in appreciation of its great work in the community supporting youngsters with a help



line #131, providing information and emotional support.

Eric Wente & Govert van der Hout welcomed invitees, while golf pro James Kiley, explained the rules of the following day's tournament. James Sneek representing Telefon pa Hubentud, thanked the organization from the bottom of his heart, and Arion Wine Company was grateful to generous sponsors: Aruba Airport Authority, Aruba

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PALM BEACH - April 1st usually stands for April Fool's Day but it was no April Fool's Day when Aromi'd'Italia opened her doors to a gelato loving public 10 years ago. At the Playa Linda Beach Resort strip in Front of Paseo Herencia at Palm Beach and with branches in Las Vegas Boris Ghanaian handpicked the just graduated hotel school student Roxanna Salinas as

his Manager for Aruba. Ten years later and Aromi'd'Italia has grown into a favorite for breakfast and lunch while gelato is still a very important component of this still popular establishment among many at Palm Beach. Upon recommendation of Mrs. Salinas, the celebration of the 10 year Anniversary was celebrated by giving donations to Casa Cuna and the Wil-

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helmina Cancer Foundation instead of throwing a party. "I had no problems convincing corporate of

giving to needy children and the foundation close to my heart which is the Cancer Foundation" re-

marked Roxanna Salinas. Celebration with the staff is pending celebrating Fe Celebrado whom also celebrated 10 years with Aromi'd'Italia, other employees coming close. For Casa Cuna, Director Mrs. Arends was the one to receive the check while for the Wilhelmina Cancer Foundation Mrs. Lily Prince was present to witness the Anniversary cake cutting ceremony honoring the employees.

Aromi d'Italia is serving 43 tastes of gelato and is open from 07.00 am with all day breakfast, lunch and dinner till 11.00 p.m. □

Cherry Blossoms Reveal Their Beauty From Washington, D.C. To Japan:

The Ritz-Carlton Viewing Tips and Experiences Help you Celebrate Sakura



CHEVY CHASE, MD - Bonded by a tree rooted in culture and tradition, the Washington, D.C. Ritz-Carlton hotels and the luxury brand's properties throughout Japan have collaborated on an exclusive guide to celebrating Sakura, the iconic Cherry Blossom season. For tips, top viewing locations and unique ways to bring the cherry blossom experience home, the Ritz-Carlton guide features 21 ways to get the most out of this magical, albeit brief season.

Viewing Locations: Discover thousands of blooming cherry trees by visiting the Tidal Basin in Washington D.C. A multitude of parades, festivals, concerts and events took place at this location through April

11th. The Ritz-Carlton, Washington D.C. shared these events on their website. For an "off the beaten path" view of the cherry blossom trees, visit Arlington National Cemetery located only minutes away from The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City, or explore the hotel's top cherry blossom locations in D.C. When at The Ritz-Carlton, Osaka, visit one of the most famous sights in the city, Sakura on Toori Nuke (Cherry Blossom Lane) to see almost 120 tree varieties blooming along the sensationally colorful lane. **Sakura Tea and Cocktails:** The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo has infused the cherry blossom theme into its delicious food and beverage offerings. Enjoy Sakura Afternoon Tea at The Lobby



Lounge or a Sakura Cocktail at the bar until April 30. Find the recipe for 'Spring-pity', the hotel's Sakura cocktail on Pinterest. **Cherry Blossom Body Scrub Recipe:** The Spa at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner has created a Cherry Blossom Body Scrub Recipe that can be easily made at home. Combine 1 cup of Himalayan sea salt, ¼ cup of jojoba oil and 2-3 drops of rose essential oil with fresh cherry blossoms or rose petals. The complete recipe and additional tips can be found on Pinterest. **Cherry Blossom Wedding Décor:** Amal Zaari, The Director of Catering Sales at The Ritz-Carlton, Washington D.C. suggests utilizing natural elements such as tree branches into your

centerpieces. Check out the video on YouTube as Amal takes you through some wedding design tips for incorporating D.C.'s stunning Cherry Blossom trees into your springtime dream wedding. The pastry chefs at The Ritz-Carlton, Kyototake their creativity to the wedding cake design and suggest a Sakura inspired cherry macaron wedding cake instead of the traditional design to truly stand out.

Cherry Blossom Inspired Sweets: The Ritz-Carlton, Georgetown, Washington D.C. put a 'cherry-licious' twist on their famous French Toast S'mores. Guests are invited to enjoy complimentary butler-passed Cherry S'mores every evening from 6:30pm-7pm in

the Living Room. The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner offers simple recipes on their website for some desserts you can try at home. Try the White Chocolate Cherry Blossom Shortbread and Cherry Blossom Ganache. Visit The Ritz-Carlton Cherry Blossom Pinterest board for more ideas on cherry blossom-themed cocktails, spa treatments and sweet treats. Follow us on Twitter @RitzCarlton or Facebook for insider tips. As you experience cherry blossom season at our hotels around the globe, share your photos with #RCMemories for a chance to be featured on Twitter or Instagram. For more information about Ritz-Carlton Hotels and Resorts worldwide visit www.ritzcarlton.com. □



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Jordan Spieth celebrates after winning the Masters golf tournament Sunday, April 12, 2015, in Augusta, Ga.

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Jordan Spieth is going places in a hurry

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

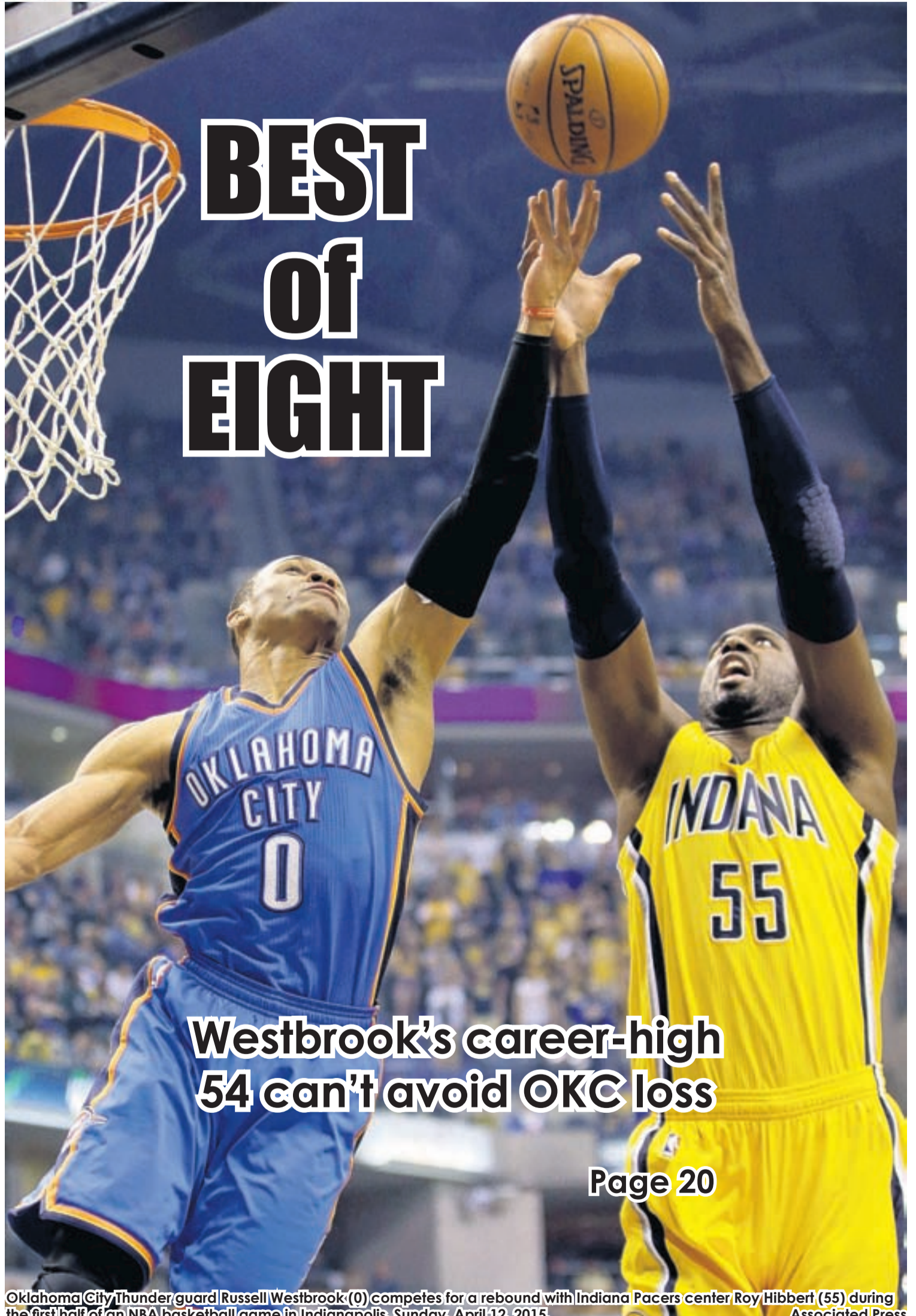
AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — The most important round in Jordan Spieth's young career began with a little perspective from his caddie.

Texas was playing a college match Sunday in California at Pasatiempo Golf Club. Spieth would have been in his senior year with the Longhorns if not for dropping out during as a sophomore to try to make a living on the PGA Tour.

As they stood on the first tee, Spieth said Michael Greller told him, "Aren't you glad you're not at Pasatiempo right now?"

Looks like it was a good career move for the 21-year-old Texan, who traded burnt orange for a green jacket. After having a laugh about where they were, and just how they got there, Spieth birdied the first hole and was on his way to a performance that ranks among the best at the Masters. He set scoring records for 36 holes (130) and 54 holes (200), and a bogey on the final hole Sunday meant he had to share the record for 72 holes (270) with Tiger Woods. He had the lowest start by a champion (64).

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BEST of EIGHT

Westbrook's career-high 54 can't avoid OKC loss

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Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) competes for a rebound with Indiana Pacers center Roy Hibbert (55) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Indianapolis, Sunday, April 12, 2015.

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Spieth

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He made more birdies (28) in one tournament than anyone in 78 previous Masters.

The only number that really mattered to Spieth was 42 — his jacket size.

"It's the most incredible week of my life," Spieth said. "This is as great as it gets in our sport."

But even as he tried to fathom all he accomplished, it was that joke on the first tee that was even more difficult to comprehend. Spieth turned pro in late 2012 without a PGA Tour card and no idea where the road would take him. It led to victory as a 19-year-old rookie, to being selected as the youngest American to play in the Presidents Cup, to the final



Jordan Spieth wears his green jacket after winning the Masters golf tournament Sunday, April 12, 2015, in Augusta, Ga.

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group at the Masters in his debut last year and losing a two-shot lead with 11 holes to play.

"It's all run together. It all happened quickly," Spieth said. "Sometimes it feels like a long time ago. And sometimes it feels like yesterday. All in all, it's really cool."

It was the disappointment of last year that ultimately

carried him to a four-shot victory Sunday.

He watched Bubba Watson celebrate another Masters title, and all the perks and celebrity that came with it. He knew that could have been him.

"So you get reminded of it all the time, because when you're Masters champion, it's a different legacy," Spieth said. "And so that

definitely left me hungry. And then also, having a chance to win the last couple of week and not pulling it off."

He was runner-up in the Texas Open and lost in a playoff at the Houston Open before arriving to Augusta.

"So the combination of the two allowed me to keep my head down, not worry about anyone else in the field except myself and to play a golf course that is my favorite course in the world," he said.

The par-5 eighth hole is where it all started to go wrong last year. He had a two-shot lead and made bogey to Watson's birdie. On the ninth hole, Spieth's shot came up a fraction short and tumbled down the front of the green and back into the fairway, leading to another bogey. Watson birdied and suddenly was two shots

ahead, and Spieth didn't have the power or the putting to catch up.

This year was different. His lead down to three shots, Spieth made a simple birdie on the eighth hole. This time, his approach on the ninth was fraction long enough to land on the ridge and stay put. He made par, and Justin Rose had a three-putt bogey to fall five shots behind.

There was only one shaky moment after that. Spieth was four shots ahead and looking at a two-shot swing on the 16th when Rose had 15 feet for birdie and Spieth faced an 8-foot putt for par. Rose missed. Spieth made. He was on his way. "It was probably one of the best putts he hit all day," Rose said.

It's tempting to declare Spieth as golf's next big star after such a performance and the elite company he joins. □

Ernest's Gulbis loses in 1st round at Monte Carlo Masters

SAMUEL PETREQUIN

AP Sports Writer

MONACO (AP) — Switching to clay did not make any difference for Ernest's Gulbis.

The 13th-seeded Latvian was eliminated from the Monte Carlo Masters on Monday in the first round, losing to Andreas Haider-Maurer 6-1, 6-0 after another miserable display.

The two other seeded players in action enjoyed a more comfortable afternoon, with top-ranked John Isner and Roberto Bautista Agut advancing in straight sets.

Gulbis, a semifinalist at last year's French Open, has lost his way in recent months. He has won only one match this year and lost in the opening round in seven of the eight tournaments he has played during the early hard-court season.

Against the 52nd-ranked



Italian Fabio Fognini serves the ball to Jerzy Janowicz of Poland during their match of the Monte Carlo Tennis Masters tournament in Monaco, Monday, April 13, 2015.

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Haider-Maurer, Gulbis hit a flurry of unforced errors and spent less than one hour on the court.

Gulbis said he has lost the confidence that helped him break into the top 20 last season, with titles in Marseille and a first trophy on clay in Nice. Despite his poor record, he said he does not need to

worry.

"I was in a great state of mind this week practicing," Gulbis said. "Everything was really good, except the match. This one last hour was bad in Monte Carlo. All the rest of the week was really unbelievable. It was just this one hour."

Gulbis may be more per-

turbed than he admits it, having recently changed his coaching setup with the hiring of former top-five player Thomas Enqvist. They started to work together one week ago and Gulbis was not expecting things to gel quickly enough for him to be ready in Monte Carlo.

"Everything is new for me. I think (Thomas) is a very smart, intelligent guy who understands tennis. That's enough for me," Gulbis said. "I think it's still a lot to get to know each other. It's just a matter of time."

Struggling with his big forehand, Gulbis enjoyed a short bright spell in the second game of the second set but failed to convert three straight break points.

Gulbis said his shoulder problems from last year are still preventing him from hitting his forehands properly.

"Off-season was not great because of that," Gulbis said. "Second thing is that I got sick in the beginning of the year for 10 days. Slowly, this lack of confidence has started to play on."

It was Haider-Maurer's first win in Monte Carlo, with the 28-year-old Austrian now set to face Bernard Tomic in the second round.

Coming off an opening-round exit in Houston, the 15th-seeded Isner came out on top in an all-American match against Steve Johnson with a 6-4, 6-4 win. Isner, who reached the semifinals in Miami this month, played aggressively throughout and hit two straight aces to seal his win and advance to the second round for the first time.

No. 12-seeded Bautista Agut needed only 52 minutes to defeat Benjamin Becker 6-0, 6-2. □

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Offense remains in deep freeze during MLB season's 1st week

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

Batters stayed stuck in the deep freeze in the sport's offensive ice age during the first week of the new major league season, with scoring remaining near its lowest level in more than two decades.

There was an average of 8.34 runs per game through Sunday, according to STATS, down from 8.38 through the first eight days of last season and the second-lowest since 1992. Back in 2006, teams averaged 10.51 runs a game over a similar span.

"Pitching is so good now that it's just gotten tougher and tougher and tougher on these hitters," said Bruce Bochy, manager of the World Series champion San Francisco Giants. "The game's changed. The velocity on these pitchers has gone up quite a bit, particularly in the bullpen."

Houston's Evan Gattis is 0 for 20 with 12 strikeouts. Boston's Mike Napoli was 0 for 18 before an eighth-inning single Sunday night. "This game is about rhythm and being in there a lot," Napoli said. "I'm pretty sure that once everyone gets into rhythm it's going to be good times."

The .241 big league batting average is down from .246 in the first week last year and the second-lowest in 24 years, ahead of only 2012. Before hitters had a good day at the plate Sunday, the average was .236 - the lowest since 1972.

Home runs are up slightly to 1.81 from last year's 1.70, the smallest average since 1993.

There were shutouts on each of the first seven days of the season for the first time since 2002. The 20 total blankings equaled two years ago for the most over

the first eight days since 1972, STATS said.

"People overanalyze everything," Oakland outfielder Josh Reddick said. "We're what, six games in

days, miles per hour is scrutinized as much as ERA.

"You don't have too many guys just throwing 86, 88 no more," he said. "They're throwing 93, 95 with the

Bob Gibson in the 1960s than the big bopper days of Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and Barry Bonds in the late 1990s and early 2000s. "I think a better drug-test-

on batters to change their ways.

"Teams play shifts because hitters are unwilling to move the ball around the yard, hit the other way," he



Houston Astros' Evan Gattis reacts after striking out during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians, Wednesday, April 8, 2015, in Houston. Associated Press

right now? It's just nothing." Still, sometimes early trends do hold up. Last year's final big league batting average of .251 was the lowest since 1972. Only 12 players had 100 or more RBIs, down from a record 59 in 1999.

Texas slugger Prince Fielder points to the increase in pitchers' velocity. These

same kind of movement as a guy throwing 86. You've got to tip your cap. Guys are good."

And it's not just power pitching. Throw in tougher testing for steroids and defensive shifts suggested by computer programs, and the sport looks far more like the era of Sandy Koufax, Don Drysdale and

ing policy has something to do with it," Chicago Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "Beyond all that I think it's all the advanced information, it just slants to pitching and defense. There's really nothing out there that helps a hitter right now."

Texas rookie manager Jeff Bannister says the onus is

said. "Be a hitter. Put a foot down and be a hitter. Let slugging happen."

Miguel Montero, the Cubs' All-Star catcher, thought about his vantage point from behind the plate. At least he gets to appreciate the pitching prosperity.

"It's fun to catch those guys," he said. "I know hitting isn't that fun." □



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McCutchen returns to lineup, homers as Pirates rout Brewers

PIRATES 10, BREWERS 2

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Andrew McCutchen homered and drove in four runs in his return to Pittsburgh's lineup, and Neil Walker hit a three-run shot.

McCutchen took himself out of Friday night's game because of soreness in his left knee and didn't play Saturday.

Casey Sadler (1-0) earned his first major league win, going five innings in his first career start.

Kyle Lohse (0-2) allowed four runs and eight hits in 6 1-3 innings.

RAYS 8, MARLINS 5

MIAMI (AP) — Nathan Karns (1-1) allowed two runs — one earned — and two hits in seven innings for his second career victory.

The Marlins, who came into the season with high hopes, went 1-5 on their opening homestand. Center fielder Marcell Ozuna was scratched from the lineup as punishment for being late to batting practice.

Miami reserve third baseman Don Kelly and backup catcher Jeff Mathis suffered similar injuries that forced them from the game. Each broke the ring finger on his right hand.

David DeJesus had a three-run homer off Henderson Alvarez (0-2) that helped the Rays build a 7-2 lead.

CARDINALS 7, REDS 5

CINCINNATI (AP) — Matt Carpenter hit a two-run homer off Kevin Gregg (0-1) in the 11th inning/Carlos Villanueva (1-0) pitched two innings, working out of a bases-loaded jam in the 10th by striking out Todd Frazier. St. Louis took two of three in the series and has won 13 consecutive three-game series against Cincinnati.



Pittsburgh Pirates' Andrew McCutchen (22) is greeted by teammate Jordy Mercer (10) after hitting a three-run home run during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers, Sunday, April 12, 2015, in Milwaukee. Brewers' Martin Maldonado looks on.

Cuban right-hander Raisel Iglesias for the Reds and allowed three runs and five hits in five innings with two walks and four strikeouts. Signed last July to a \$27 million, seven-year contract, he became the first Reds player since Mike Leake in 2010 to reach the majors without playing a minor league game.

BLUE JAYS 10, ORIOLES 7

BALTIMORE (AP) — Jose Bautista hit the last of Toronto's three home runs, a two-run drive in the eighth off Darren O'Day.

Dalton Pompey and Kevin Pillar also connected for the Blue Jays, who doubled their home-run total for the season. Toronto scored 23 runs in the three-game series, twice reaching double figures.

Aaron Loup (1-1) pitched 1 2-3 perfect innings after starter Drew Hutchison gave up a career-high tying seven runs and seven hits in 4 1-3 innings. Miguel

Castro worked the ninth for his second save.

Orioles starter Chris Tillman (1-1) allowed seven runs — three earned — and six hits in 2 2-3 innings.

NATIONALS 4, PHILLIES 3

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Wilson Ramos drove in the decisive run in the 10th with his second RBI of the day.

Bryce Harper homered and Clint Robinson had three hits for the Nationals, who salvaged a win in the three-game series.

Yunel Escobar led off the 10th with a double off Jake Diekman (0-1) and scored on Justin De Fratus' wild pitch for a 3-2 lead.

Aaron Barrett (1-0) pitched a scoreless ninth, and Drew Storen got his second save after allowing Odubel Herrera's run-scoring infield single.

METS 4, BRAVES 3

ATLANTA (AP) — Bartolo Colon helped himself with his first RBI in a decade, and Daniel Murphy hit a

tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the eighth, dropping the Braves to 5-1.

Backed by Michael Cud-dyer's two-run homer in the first inning, Colon led 3-2 before Jonny Gomes' seventh-inning homer just inside the left-field pole. Colon (2-0) allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings. Juan Jaime (0-1) walked Curtis Granderson and Anthony Recker opening the eighth.

Jeury Familia got two outs for his first save.

CUBS 6, ROCKIES 5

DENVER (AP) — Former Rockies player Dexter Fowler hit a two-run homer off a hanging slider from LaTroy Hawkins (1-1) on an 0-2 pitch with two outs in the ninth inning.

Neil Ramirez (1-0) earned the win by getting two outs in the eighth. Hector Rondon got his second save of the season as the Cubs won for the second time in the three-game series.

PADRES 6, GIANTS 4

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Backup catcher Wil Nieves hit his first career grand slam, a drive off former San Diego star Jake Peavy, as the Padres won three of four in their series against the defending World Series champions.

It was the first career slam and just the 10th homer overall for the 37-year-old Nieves, who was a 47th-round draft pick of the Padres in 1995. He signed as a minor league free agent in January and won the backup job after Tim Lincecum, obtained from the Dodgers in the Matt Kemp deal, was sidelined following knee surgery.

Peavy (0-1), whose first start of the season was delayed because of a back injury, allowed four runs and four hits in four innings.

Tyson Ross (1-0) gave up three runs and five hits in six innings, and Craig Kimbrel pitched the ninth for his second save.

DODGERS 7, DIAMOND-BACKS 4

PHOENIX (AP) — Alex Guerrero had his first big league homer, went 3 for 5 and four RBIs to back Zack Greinke (1-0), who allowed five hits in seven scoreless innings. Los Angeles avoided a three-game sweep with. Yasiel Puig hit his first homer of 2015 off Josh Collmenter (0-2). Joc Pederson had his first big league homer and three of Los Angeles' 16 hits.

In other NL games it was St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 5, 11 innings; Tampa Bay 8, Miami 5; N.Y. Mets 4, Atlanta 3; Washington 4, Philadelphia 3, 10 innings; Pittsburgh 10, Milwaukee 2; Chicago Cubs 6, Colorado 5; L.A. Dodgers 7, Arizona 4; and San Diego 6, San Francisco 4. □

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Cabrera rocks Cleveland in Tigers' 8-5 win

CLEVELAND (AP) — Miguel Cabrera homered twice and drove in four runs as the Detroit Tigers improved to 6-0 for the first time in 30 years with an 8-5 win over the Cleveland Indians on Sunday.

Cabrera hit a two-run homer in the first off T.J. House (0-1), and J.D. Martinez added a solo shot in the ninth as the Tigers finished off a three-game sweep. Cabrera went 4 for 4 with his first two homers this season, a double and single. With Cabrera needing a triple for the cycle, Indians manager Terry Francona intentionally walked him in the eighth even though there was a runner on first. Kyle Lobstein (1-0) allowed three runs and eight hits in five innings, and Joakim Soria worked the ninth for his second save.

WHITE SOX 6, TWINS 2
CHICAGO (AP) — Chris Sale (1-0) struck out eight over six innings in his return from a broken bone in his right foot, allowing one run and five hits. Adam LaRoche homered for the second straight day and had a run-scoring single Minnesota dropped to 1-5 under new manager Paul Molitor. Phil Hughes gave up three runs and eight hits in six innings, struck out four and walked none.

ASTROS 6, RANGERS 4
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Hank Conger hit a two-run homer in the 14th inning following George Springer's leaping catch at the right-field wall on a ball hit by Leonys Martin in the 10th.

Conger homered after Evan Gattis reached base for the first time this season — on a walk in his 21st plate appearance this year. Will Harris (1-0) retired six



straight batters. He struck out the side in the 12th, his 19th consecutive scoreless outing dating to August. Samuel Deduno loaded the bases with two outs in the bottom of the 14th but got his first big league save when Rougned Odor lined out to right field.

ROYALS 9, ANGELS 2
ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Alcides Escobar and Alex Rios hit two-run doubles, and Salvador Perez homered, as AL champion Kansas City improved to 6-0. The winning streak is the Royals' second-longest to open a season after a 9-0 start in 2003.

The Angels' Albert Pujols hit his 522nd home run, moving past Ted Williams, Willie McCovey and Frank Thomas for sole possession of 18th on the career list. Yordano Ventura (2-0) allowed two runs and four hits in 5 2-3 innings to beat C.J. Wilson (1-1), who gave up seven runs — six earned — and nine hits over 5 2-3 innings.

MARINERS 8, ATHLETICS 7
OAKLAND, California (AP) — Nelson Cruz homered for the second straight day, hitting a solo drive off Tyler Clippard (0-1) in the 10th inning.

Mariners ace Felix Hernan-

dez left after five innings as a precaution because of tightness in his right quadriceps. Seattle took a 7-3 lead into the ninth before Oakland rallied to tie it against closer Fernando Rodney (1-0). Seattle won despite getting out-hit 14-7.

Yoervis Medina got three outs his first save in nearly two years.

YANKEES 14, RED SOX 4
NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez had a three-run double in a seven-run first-inning outburst, as New York won for the second time in six games to avoid what would have been its worst start since 1989.

Chase Headley and Stephen Drew had consecutive homers against Clay Buchholz (1-1), who allowed 10 runs — nine earned — and nine hits in 3 1-3 innings. Rodriguez drove in four runs, and New York had 16 hits.

In other AL games it was Detroit 8, Cleveland 5; Tampa Bay 8, Miami 5; Toronto 10, Baltimore 7; Chicago White Sox 6, Minnesota 2; Houston 6, Texas 4, 14 innings; Kansas City 9, L.A. Angels 2; Seattle 8, Oakland 7, 10 innings; and N.Y. Yankees 14, Boston 4. □

Detroit Tigers starting pitcher Kyle Lobstein delivers against the Cleveland Indians in the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, April 12, 2015, in Cleveland.

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Westbrook scores 54, but Pacers hold off Thunder 116-104

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Russell Westbrook scored a career-high 54 points Sunday, but Indiana fended off his late charge for a critical 116-104 victory over Oklahoma City.

C.J. Miles matched his season high with 30 points to lead Indiana (37-43) to its fifth straight win and into a tie with Brooklyn for the eighth and final playoff spot in the East. The Nets own the tiebreaker.

The Thunder (43-37) lost for the fifth time in six games despite a near triple-double from Westbrook, who had nine rebounds and eight assists. Oklahoma City is tied with New Orleans for the No. 8 seed in the West.

After posting a triple-double in the first game against the Pacers this season, Westbrook nearly did it again. He was 21 of 43 from the field, 5 of 15 on 3s and 7 of 11 from the free throw line. He had 22 points and four assists just in the first quarter.

ROCKETS 121, PELICANS 114

HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden scored 30 points as Houston used a big run at the beginning of the fourth quarter to take the lead against New Orleans.

The Rockets ended a two-game skid behind the NBA-leading 35th 30-point game for Harden, who leads the league in scoring. Corey Brewer and Dwight Howard carried Houston in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter combining



Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) drives against Indiana Pacers forward David West (21) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Indianapolis, Sunday, April 12, 2015.

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for all of the Rockets' points in a 14-5 run that put them on top 100-91. Howard finished with 19 points and 11 rebounds, and Brewer added 20 points.

Anthony Davis had 27 points for the Pelicans.

BUCKS 96, NETS 73

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ersan Ilyasova scored 21 points as Milwaukee clinched a playoff spot with its blow-out victory over Brooklyn.

Milwaukee also secured the sixth seed in the Eastern Conference, a year after a franchise-worst 67-loss season. O.J. Mayo added 17

points for the Bucks.

Bucks coach Jason Kidd led his team to the clinching victory over the team he coached last season. According to STATS, Kidd is the first coach in NBA history to lead two franchises to the playoffs in his first two years as a head coach.

Brook Lopez had his 17th double-double of the season with 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Nets.

CELTICS 117, CAVALIERS 78

BOSTON (AP) — Isaiah Thomas scored 17 points as Boston moved closer to a playoff berth with a victo-

ry over a Cleveland team without LeBron James and three other starters.

Coach David Blatt rested James, Kevin Love, Kyrie Irving and J.R. Smith because the Cavaliers already have clinched the No. 2 postseason spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Celtics magic number for reaching the postseason dropped to one. They would clinch a berth if Indiana loses to Oklahoma City on Sunday night. If the Celtics remain in seventh place in the East, they would face the Cavaliers in the first round.

SPURS 107, SUNS 91

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tim Duncan had 22 points and 10 rebounds to lead San Antonio to its 11th straight victory.

San Antonio moved into second place in the Western Conference and took a half-game lead over idle Memphis in the Southwest Division. The defending champion Spurs have won 21 of 24. Kawhi Leonard had 18 points and nine rebounds, Marco Belinelli added 13 points and Tony Parker had 10 points and five assists to help San Antonio improve to 55-26.

Gerald Green had 23 points and Eric Bledsoe added 20 points and 10 assists for Phoenix. Eliminated from playoff contention Wednesday night, the Suns have lost four straight and nine of 10 to drop to 39-42.

WIZARDS 108, HAWKS 99

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Wall had no trouble finding his rhythm after resting for

two games, finishing with 24 points and nine assists night to lead Washington to its highest win total in more than 30 years.

Washington improved to 46-34, its first time topping 45 victories since 1978-79. The Wizards closed their regular-season home schedule at 29-12 after going 22-19 last season. They are fifth in the Eastern Conference with two games remaining and will face Toronto or Chicago to open the playoffs.

Atlanta already has clinched the East's No. 1 seed and won a club-record 60 games, so coach Mike Budenholzer rested starters Jeff Teague, Kyle Korver, Al Horford and DeMarre Carroll.

Mike Scott led the Hawks with 19 points.

MAVERICKS 120, LAKERS 106

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tyson Chandler had 20 points as Dallas tuned up for the postseason with a victory over Los Angeles.

Richard Jefferson scored 17 points and Dirk Nowitzki had 16 in the third straight victory for the Mavericks, who will finish seventh in the Western Conference.

In other NBA games it was **Milwaukee 96, Brooklyn 73; Boston 117, Cleveland 78; Detroit 116, Charlotte 77; Denver 122, Sacramento 111; Washington 108, Atlanta 99; Indiana 116, Oklahoma City 104; Houston 121, New Orleans 114; San Antonio 107, Phoenix 91; and Dallas 120, L.A. Lakers 106.** □



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NEW YORK (AP) — The National Basketball Association is trading Coke for Pepsi.

Pepsi to replace Coke in NBA marketing deal

The league said Monday that it's struck a new marketing partnership with PepsiCo, ending a 28-year partnership with Coca-Cola. PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi said during a press conference in New York that the company will bring the power of its portfolio of 22 brands to the NBA. The Purchase, New York-based

company's brands include Pepsi, Tropicana, Lay's, Lipton and Doritos.

Nooyi pointed out that PepsiCo Inc. had an existing relationship with the NBA through Gatorade, which has been a partner with the league for more than 30 years. The executive said that Mountain Dew will lead the NBA's

marketing strategy.

The partnership will cover North America and China, where the popularity of the NBA is growing.

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3D print technology providing 'robohand' to 7-year-old girl

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LOS ALAMITOS, California (AP) —

Seven-year-old Faith Lennox never thought she needed a left hand; after all, she couldn't remember losing hers when she was only 9 months old.

But when it came to getting one custom made in a day by a 3-D printer, that was a different story. Particularly when she got to pick the colors — her favorite pink, blue and purple, like the ones on the tank top she was wearing. It didn't hurt, either, that the appendage, called a robohand, looks a lot like the pair Marvel superhero Iron Man wears.

"It's really cool!" the otherwise shy little girl said with an exuberant grin as she stood surrounded by high-tech computers in the Build It Workspace in this Orange County suburb on Monday. Build It Workspace is a 3-D printer studio that teaches people to use high-tech printers and provides access to them for projects. It also does commercial printing. She had gotten out of school early to go there with her mother, Nicole, to watch in fascination as her new hand began to take shape. She stood for several minutes transfixed as it slowly moved from computer image to hard-plastic reality. She planned to return Tuesday to try it on.

The finished product will be the result of an emerging technology that is revolutionizing prosthetics, said Build It's Mark Lengsfeld, especially for children like Faith, who quickly outgrow expensive prosthetic limbs and have trouble even us-

ing them because of their size and weight.

"It's an amazing thing to be doing," the company's president and founder said of making a hand that weighs less than a pound (450 grams) out of the same kind of plastic used in automobile parts.

Although Lengsfeld's company has printed out everything from pumps for oil and gas companies to parts for unmanned aerial vehicles, this is the first hand he and his three employees have built.

Airwolf 3D, whose printers built Faith's hand, recently cranked out 200 hands for children around the world as part of an international competition to see which company could use the most 3-D printers in one space at one time. Airwolf, with 159 printers going, won by one, said the company's creative director, Tyler Caros, who was keeping watch Monday as the hard plastic going into Faith's hand slowly unspooled.

The oldest of three children, Faith had compartment syndrome when her position during childbirth cut off the flow of blood to her left forearm, irreparably damaging tissue, muscle and bone. After nine months of trying to save the limb, doctors determined they had to amputate just below the elbow.

Faith's parents were working with the nonprofit group E-Nable to get her a 3-D-printed hand, but the technology is so new there's a waiting list, her mother said. Then she learned of what Lengsfeld's company could do from a friend whose son visited with his



Faith Lennox, 7, right, smiles as she holds an extra plastic prosthetics part with her newly 3-D printed hand at the Build it Workspace in Los Alamitos, Calif., on Tuesday, March 31, 2015. At left, her aunt, Grace Stedman.

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Scout troop.

E-Nable provides open-source technology for building the hand, Lengsfeld said, making it economical for anyone with the right printer and a set of instructions to create one. Faith's only costs \$50, and when she outgrows it she can easily build a bigger replacement.

"It's been an honor to help her," he said.

The little girl who taught herself to swim at age 3 and surfs with her father already knows what she plans to do when she puts that new hand on.

"Ride my bike!" she said with a big grin.

Although she's already a

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Wall Street slips in light trading

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors sent stocks slightly lower Monday ahead of a busy week for company earnings.

With little news to move the market either way, major indexes spent the day wavering between slim gains and losses. Stocks started higher in the morning, turned lower shortly after midday, then drifted downward until the closing bell.

earnings shrank 3 percent compared with the same quarter of last year, according to S&P Capital IQ. If that winds up happening, it would be the first drop in quarterly profits since 2009. Brad McMillan, chief investment officer for Commonwealth Financial Network, said those numbers shouldn't raise too many worries. "Usually when earnings go down it means the economy is going in the tank, because most

previous quarter. Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 2.7 percent, closing at its highest level since December 2007. The Shanghai Composite Index climbed 2.1 percent, hitting its highest level since March 2008. In Japan, the Nikkei 225 closed nearly unchanged. Back in the U.S., Builders FirstSource said it's buying ProBuild, a supplier of building materials, for roughly \$1.6 billion, aiming to expand its geographic



Trader James Doherty works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Investors sent stocks slightly lower Monday ahead of a busy week for company earnings.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 80.61 points, or 0.5 percent, to close at 17,977.04. The Standard & Poor's 500 index slipped 9.63 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,092.43. The Nasdaq lost 7.73 points, or 0.2 percent, to 4,988.25.

JetBlue Airways surged after the airline reported a 9 percent increase in passengers last month compared with the same period a year ago. The company's stock gained 80 cents, or 4 percent, to \$19.85.

JPMorgan Chase, Johnson & Johnson, and Wells Fargo are among the big names turning in quarterly results Tuesday as earnings season gets underway. Investors are braced for bad news, a result of the stronger dollar and low oil prices squeezing revenues. Analysts forecast that first-quarter

earnings come from domestic sales," he said. "This time is different. The big hit to earnings is from energy companies just getting hammered by oil prices. And a big chunk of the rest is from the stronger dollar." Major stock markets in Europe were mixed. Germany's DAX sank 0.3 percent, while France's CAC 40 rose 0.3 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 fell 0.4 percent.

Markets in China jumped on expectations that Beijing will launch additional support for the world's second-largest economy. Imports fell 12 percent in March from a year earlier and exports declined 15 percent. That added to signs that economic growth in the first three months of the year, due to be reported Wednesday, might decline further from 7 percent the

reach. The deal is expected to close in the second half of the year. Builders FirstSource soared \$4.67, or 68 percent, to \$11.57.

Two gold mining companies, Alamos Gold and Aurico Gold, announced a plan to merge on Monday in a deal worth \$1.5 billion. It's the latest merger between gold miners attempting to cut costs in the face of slumping prices for precious metals. Alamos Gold jumped 39 cents, or 6 percent, to \$6.28. The price of gold has lost a third of its value since late 2012, when it traded as high as \$1,780 an ounce.

Gold and other precious metals fell slightly in Monday trading. Gold lost \$5.30 to settle at \$1,199.30 an ounce, while silver slid 9 cents to \$16.29. Copper lost 2 cents to \$2.72. □

Corporate deals appetite hits five-year high: report

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The current wave of corporate takeovers and mergers is set to grow, with the appetite for deals among executives hitting a five-year high thanks to a strong dollar and low oil prices, a global survey found Monday.

A striking 56 percent of companies assessed say they intend to make acquisitions in the coming year, up from 40 percent in October, consulting firm EY said in its half-yearly report on corporate deal-making. That's the first time since 2010 that more than half of executives say they plan to make an acquisition in the next 12 months.

And the number of deals in the pipeline, EY noted, is up 19 percent from a year ago.

"2015 will see a surge of new entrants and companies returning to the M&A market to generate future growth," said Pip McCrostie, EY's global head of mergers and acquisitions, or M&A.

Already in the first three months of 2015 the value of global mergers and acquisitions hit \$888 billion, the highest level for the period in at least five years, according to data provider Dealogic. The second quarter appears to have started strongly with energy company Shell agreeing to take over Britain's BG Group for \$70 billion, in what is the 9th largest M&A deal ever.

The EY survey identified the oil and gas industry as one sector that is likely to see more activity in the months ahead. When oil and gas prices are low, exploration for new resources becomes a riskier prospect, so energy companies tend to try to boost growth through acquisitions.

But deals are being struck across all sectors this year, including in technology, pharmaceuticals, health care and food, where Heinz recently said it will buy Kraft for \$45 billion.

The appetite for deal-making has recovered over the past couple of years from the lows recorded in the wake of the financial crisis of 2007-8 and the ensuing recession, when companies pulled back on risky investments and sought to rebuild their finances. That involved paying down debts and rebuilding cash reserves. Potentially risky undertakings such as M&A fell out of vogue and deal volumes and values slid sharply. One reason for confidence in the outlook for the year ahead is the dollar's strength. The dollar has hit multi-year highs against a range of currencies as the strength of the U.S. economy has stoked expectations that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates. The euro and the yen, by contrast, have fallen as the central banks of the 19-country eurozone and Japan enact loose and cheap monetary policies to help their weak economies.

Though big shifts in the value of currencies can be a challenge to multinational companies as they make planning more difficult, EY noted that companies whose revenue is largely made in a currency that has strengthened — such as the dollar — have a competitive advantage in M&A. For example, eurozone companies will look cheaper to firms that earn in dollars given that the euro has fallen about 20 percent against the U.S. currency in the past year.

"For them, the price of assets in many parts of the world will have effectively fallen and they are now taking advantage of this competitive M&A advantage to eye potential bargains in the market," said McCrostie.

McCrostie said lower commodity prices will also foster M&A activity among companies that spend a lot on raw materials, such as European chemical firms, as they could have more money available to invest. □

What Candidates Need



DAVID BROOKS
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I have two presidential election traditions. I begin covering each campaign by reading a book about Abraham Lincoln, and I end each election night, usually after midnight, at the statue of the Lincoln Memorial.

I begin by reading a book about Lincoln not because it's fair to hold any of the candidates to the Lincoln standard, but because he gets you thinking about what sorts of things we should be looking for in a presidential candidate. Any candidate worthy of support should at least have in rudiments what Lincoln had in fullness: a fundamental vision, a golden temperament and a shrewd strategy for how to cope with the political realities of the moment.

Lincoln developed his fundamental vision in a way that seems to refute our contemporary educational practices. Today we pile on years of education. We assign hundreds of books over the years. We cluster our students on campuses with people with similar grades and test scores.

Lincoln had very little formal education. He was not cloistered on a campus but spent his formative years in daily contact with an astounding array of characters. If his social experience was wide, his literary experience was narrow. He read fewer books over his entire formative life than many contemporary students do in a single year. In literary terms, he preferred depth to breadth; grasp to reach. He intensely read Shakespeare, the King James Bible, "The Pilgrim's Progress" and Parson Weems' "The Life of Washington."

This education gave him a moral vision that emerged from life, not from reading.

He saw America as a land where ambitious poor boys and girls like himself could transform themselves through hard, morally improving work. He believed in a government that built canals and railroads and banks to stoke the fires of industry. He believed slavery was wrong in part because people should be free to control their own labor. He believed in a providence that was active but unknowable.

This Whiggish vision was his north star. He could bob and weave as politics demanded, but his incremental means always pointed

to the same transformational end. Any presidential candidate needs that sort of consistent animating vision - an image of an Ideal America baked so deeply into his or her bones as to be unconscious, useful as a compass when the distractions of Washington life come in a flurry.

Lincoln's temperament surpasses all explanation. His early experience of depression and suffering gave him a radical self-honesty. He had the double-minded personality that we need in all our leaders. He was involved in a bloody civil war, but he was an exceptionally poor hater. He was deeply engaged, but also able to step back; a passionate advocate, but also able to see his enemy's point of view; aware of his own power, but aware of when he was helpless in the hands of fate; extremely self-confident but extremely humble. Candidates who don't have a contradictory temperament have no way to check themselves and are thus dangerous.

Lincoln's skills as a political tactician seem like the least of his gifts, but are among his greatest. It's easy to be a true believer, or to govern or campaign with your pedal to the metal all the time. It's much harder to know when to tap on the brake and when to step on the gas.

We study Lincoln's tactical phase shifts in the Grand Strategy class I help with at Yale. There's never enough time to cover them all.

Most of Lincoln's efforts were designed to tamp down passion for the sake of sustainable, incremental progress. Others would have delivered a heroic first Inaugural Address, but Lincoln made his a dry legal brief. Others would have stuffed the Emancipation Proclamation with ringing exclamations, but Lincoln's draft is as dull as possible. Others wanted an immediate end to slavery. Lincoln tried to end it through unromantic, gradual economic means. He hoped that if he limited the demand for slaves (by halting the spread of slavery and by paying people not to keep them) he could drive down the price and render the whole enterprise unprofitable.

This year, Lincoln's strategic restraint is the most necessary of his traits. We live in a partisan time, with movements who treat trimmers, compromisers and incrementalists harshly. But, to pass legislation, the next president will have to perpetually disappoint the fervent and devise a legislative strategy that can consistently get a House majority and 60 Senate votes.

We will not get a Lincoln. A person with his face could not survive the TV age. A person with his capacity for introspection could not survive the 24/7 self-branding campaign environment. But we do need someone with a portion of his gifts - someone who is philosophically grounded, emotionally mature and tactically cunning. Well, at least we can find the closest possible approximation. □

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LONDON - The nuclear deal with Iran is still only preliminary, but if concluded it will represent the most important U.S. diplomatic achievement since the Dayton Accords ended the Bosnian war two decades ago. That agreement was imperfect. Still, not another shot was fired in anger after the loss of more than 100,000 lives.

This accord, too, reflects harsh realities - Iran has mastered the nuclear fuel cycle - yet represents the best possibility by far of holding Iran short of a bomb, ring-fencing its nuclear capacities, coaxing change in the Islamic Republic, and ushering a hopeful society closer to the world. If the yardstick is effectiveness, and it must be, no conceivable alternative even comes close. Perfection is not part of diplomacy's repertoire.

President Barack Obama, through his courageous persistence, has changed the strategic dynamic in the Middle East. As he reassures worried allies, especially Israel and Saudi Arabia, he has also signaled that the U.S. will pursue its national interest, even in the face of fierce criticism, where the logic of that interest is irrefutable. Blocking Iran's path to a bomb, avoiding another war with a Muslim country, and re-establishing dip-

lomatic contact with a stable power hostile to the Islamic State amount to a compelling case for an America facing a fragmenting Middle Eastern order.

It is not a bad thing to remind allies that enjoying irrevocable support from the United States cannot mean exercising a veto on U.S. actions. Indeed, it may be a good thing, because it stimulates creative reflection. This breakthrough with Iran, impossible without the tireless work of Secretary of State John Kerry, looks like the cornerstone of Obama's foreign policy legacy.

Of course, the president needed partners. He found them in other major powers, but most of all in President Hassan Rouhani of Iran, who, as Karim Sadjadpour of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace observed to me, "aspires to be Iran's Deng Xiaoping." Rouhani's mantra is: Preserve the system, fast-forward the economy, open to the world. Rouhani does not aspire to be Iran's Gorbachev. His thing is adaptation, not transformation. He is of the system, hence his room for maneuver. Unlike Iran's hard-liners, he believes preservation of Iran's theocracy is compatible with - perhaps dependent on - normalized relations with the rest of the world, including the United States. That is a potential game-changer.

Perhaps the most significant words after the agreement came from Rouhani: "Some think that we must either fight the world or surrender to world powers. We say it is neither of those, there is a third way. We can have cooperation with the world." He added: "With those countries with which we have a cold relationship, we would like a better relationship. And if we have tension or hostility with any countries, we want an end to tension and hostility with those countries."

There were no qualifiers there - not for "the Great Satan," as the United States has been widely known in Iran since the theocratic revolution of 1979, not even for Israel. The message to the

fight-or-surrender, heads-in-the-sand hard-liners was clear. Once again, Rouhani suggested he is more courageous and resourceful than Iran's other presidential reformist, Mohammad Khatami, who spoke a good line but could not deliver.

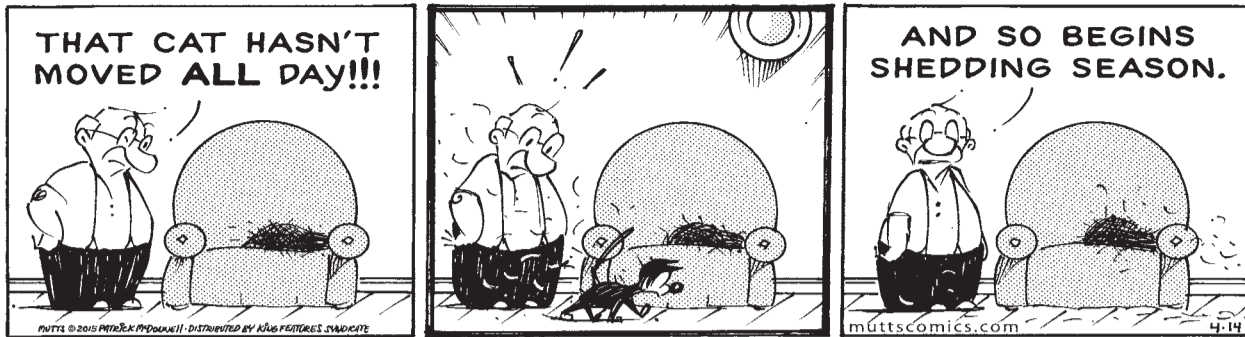
Many Iranians are rubbing their eyes in disbelief: Obama's post-accord statement broadcast in Tehran (selfies taken against that TV backdrop became popular); praise of Obama's understanding of Iran from former President Hashemi Rafsanjani; support for the preliminary agreement at Friday prayers. A revolution that delivered not freedom but oppression is now promising reasonable adaptation to changed times. But of course Iran has often veered from reason.

Renewed disappointment is not implausible. There are implacable opponents of détente in both countries. The supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has been silent, even if things could never have come this far without his backing. He may well fight to keep the deal hermetic, sealed off from a wider opening. Rouhani takes an opposite view: He wants a deal that is a catalyst to fixing Iran's relations with the world. Obama, too, hopes that a concluded deal "ushers in a new era in U.S.-Iranian relations."

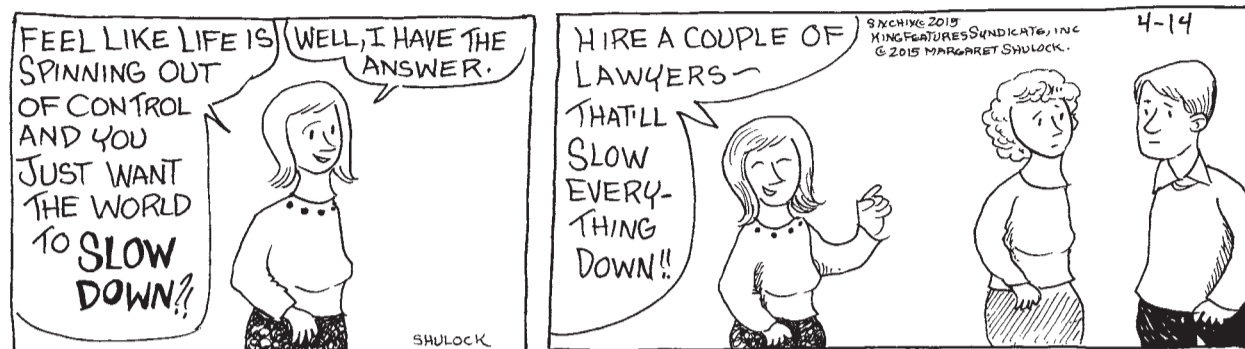
At the very least, if finalized, the deal condemns the United States and Iran to interact for more than a decade. They will be in conflict about most things. That's all right. Institutionalized discord is far better than traumatized alienation. I cannot see the accord being hermetic. There's too much pent-up expectation among Iran's youth, too much economic possibility, too much pro-Western sentiment, too much U.S. business interest in Iran. Of course, that's what Khamenei is afraid of. Yet he's come this far.

The 40th anniversary of the revolution, and the seizing of American hostages in Iran, is four years off. I'd bet on the U.S. Embassy in Tehran reopening then. The ice has broken. □

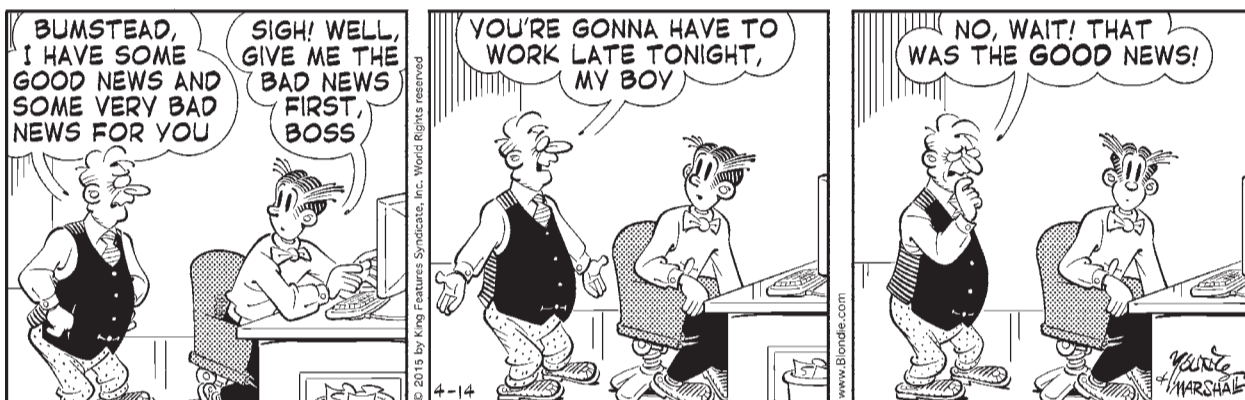
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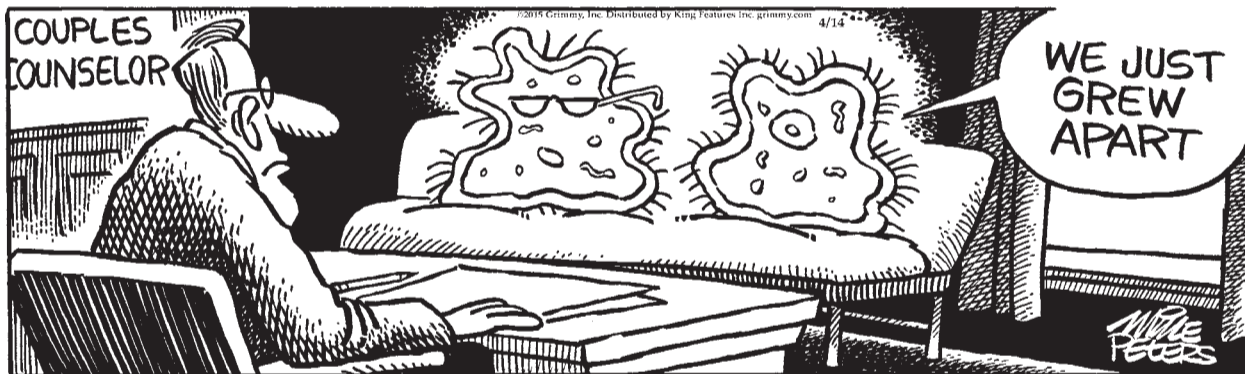
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

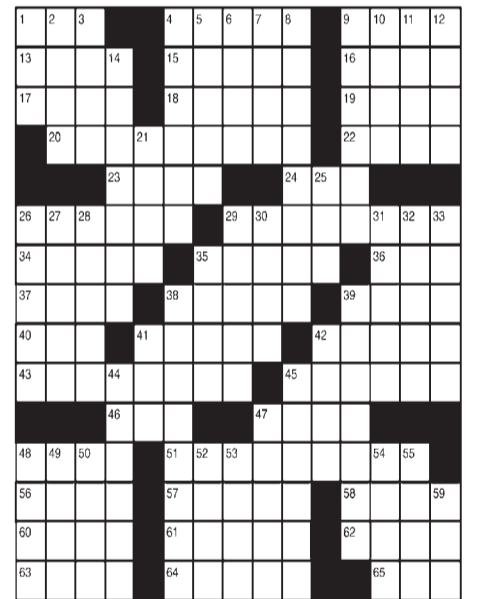
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ACROSS

- 1 Busy as a
4 Pierces
9 Spread for fancy crackers
13 Cereal grains
15 Go around; encircle
16 "Yours, Mine &"; Dennis Quaid movie
17 Part of the foot
18 European island nation
19 ___ up; support
20 Most run-down
22 Woman
23 ___ over; faint
24 ___ nutshell; briefly
26 Occupation
29 Flogs
34 ___ manual; PC booklet
35 Downward tilt
36 Top file drawer, perhaps
37 "Hot ___"; role on "M*A*S*H"
38 Mates for does
39 Think deeply
40 Chum
41 Dried plum
42 Baker's ___; 13
43 "Don't do ___ I wouldn't do"
45 Give in; cave
46 Wesson product
47 Come to shore
48 Hawaiian island
51 Try to sell in the newspaper classifieds
56 Uproar; to-do
57 Innocent
58 Tidy
60 Large party
61 Leg joints
62 Deep long cut
63 Muscle pain
64 Valuable item
65 Pig's home

DOWN

- 1 Crushing snake
2 All ___; listening
3 Carve in glass



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MILES	SCAM	CUBE
AROSE	TUBE	ASAN
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- 41 ___ Beta Kappa
42 Fender-bender memento
44 Hairpiece
45 Most unusual
47 Embankment
48 Like water ___ duck's back
49 Actor Baldwin
50 "Hell ___ no fury like a woman scorned"
52 Blocker and Rather
53 Competes
54 Bodies of water
55 Vane direction
59 Your, biblically

Haiti Classifieds

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The country is believed to have the same veins of copper and gold found across the border in the Dominican Republic and could yield an estimated \$20 billion in gold and other metals. Angelo Viard, the Haitian-American president of VCS, pledged to hire locals, pave roads and bring electricity to the village near his 31-acre claim on the hill known as Morne Bossa. The company built a basketball court and sponsored a soccer tournament, and Tony said that generated goodwill. "People have a lot of hope in the company," he said. Many Haitians are not eager to see the development of mining, skeptical of an industry that could pollute a country with a history of weak regulation and environmental problems. Camille Chalmers, an economics professor and member of an advocacy group called the Mining Justice Collective, said any potential benefits for Haitian workers are vastly overstated. "All the important jobs, with decent salaries, will go to people from abroad," said Chalmers, who has tracked the industry with lawyers from New York University's Global Justice Clinic. "The paved roads and the electricity are for the mines, not for the people." Chalmers said the delay is good. "We would need a moratorium of at least 10 years to really create the conditions that would enable rational regulation of the industry in the public's interest," he said. □

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Caffeine High: Space station getting Italian espresso maker

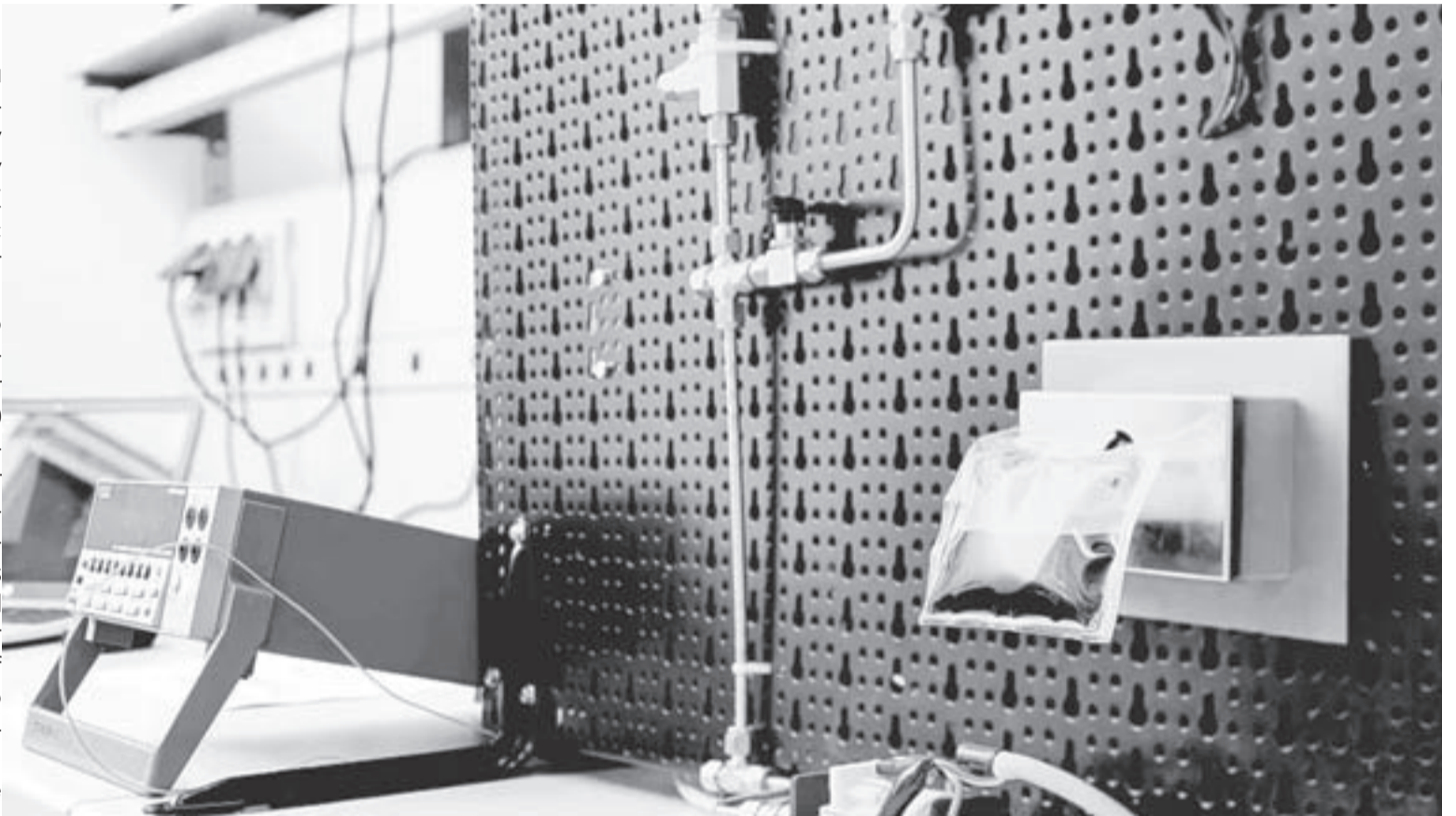
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**AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida**

(AP) — The next space station grocery run will carry caffeine to a whole new level: Aboard the SpaceX supply ship is an authentic espresso machine straight from Italy.

SpaceX is scheduled to launch its unmanned rocket with the espresso maker — and 4,000 pounds (1,800 kilograms) of food, science research and other equipment — Monday afternoon. The experimental espresso machine is intended for International Space Station astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti of Italy. It was supposed to arrive in January, shortly after her arrival, so she could get some relief from the station's instant coffee. But it ended up on the back burner after a station shipment from Virginia was lost in a launch explosion.

The espresso maker is dubbed ISSpresso — ISS standing for International Space Station. Italian coffee giant Lavazza joined forces with the Turin-based engineering company Argotec and the Italian Space Agency to provide a specially designed machine for use off the planet. NASA certified its safety. NASA's space station program deputy manager, Dan Hartman, said it's all part of making astronauts



This undated product image made from video provided by Lavazza shows a prototype of Lavazza and Argotec's "ISSpresso" machine.

Associated Press

feel at home as they spend months — and even up to a year — in orbit. Already, Mission Control gives astronauts full access to email, phone calls, private video hookups, and live news and sports broadcasts.

"The psychological support is very, very important," Hartman told reporters Sunday. "If an espresso machine comes back and we get a lot of great comments from the crew ... It's kind of like the ice cream thing, right, when we fly

ice cream every now and then. It's just to boost spirits. Maybe some rough day, a scoop of ice cream gets them over that hump kind of thing." The SpaceX Dragon supply ship also holds experiments for NASA's one-year space station resident Scott Kelly, who moved in a couple weeks ago. Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko also will remain on board until March 2016.

This will be the California-based SpaceX company's seventh station supply run

since 2012, all from Cape Canaveral.

For the third time, SpaceX will attempt to land its leftover booster vertically on an ocean barge. Both previous tests failed.

Improvements to the first-stage booster and floating platform — based on lessons learned from the January and February attempts — should boost the odds of success this time to 75 percent or maybe 80 percent, said Hans Koenigsmann, vice president of mission as-

surance for SpaceX.

SpaceX's billionaire founder Elon Musk wants to save time and money by reusing the boosters normally discarded in the Atlantic. In fact, the company is transforming a former missile-launching site at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station into a landing pad for its revolutionary flyback boosters.

Monday's launch time is 4:33 p.m. Forecasters put the odds of good weather at 60 percent. □

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John Legend launches campaign to end mass incarceration



In a Saturday, March 21, 2015 file photo, John Legend performs at the AXE White Label Collective Party during the SXSW Music Festival in Austin, Texas.

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MESFIN FEKADU
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — John Legend has launched a campaign to end mass incarceration.

The Grammy-winning singer announced the multi-year initiative, FREE AMERICA, on Monday. He will visit and perform at a correctional facility on Thursday in Austin, Texas, where he also will be part of a press conference with state legislators to discuss Texas' criminal justice system.

"We have a serious problem with incarceration in this country," Legend said in an interview. "It's destroying families, it's destroying communities and we're the most incarcerated country in the world, and when you look deeper and look at the reasons we got to this place, we as a society made some choices politically and legisla-

tively, culturally to deal with poverty, deal with mental illness in a certain way and that way usually involves using incarceration."

Legend, 36, will also visit a California state prison and co-host a criminal justice event with Politico in Washington, D.C., later this month.

The campaign will include help from other artists — to be announced — and organizations committed to ending mass incarceration. "I'm just trying to create some more awareness to this issue and trying to make some real change legislatively," he said. "And we're not the only ones. There are senators that are looking at this, like Rand Paul and Cory Booker, there are other nonprofits that are looking at this, and I just wanted to add my voice to that."

Legend's speech at the

Academy Awards this year struck a chord when he spoke about mass incarceration. He won the Oscar for best original song with rapper Common for "Glorry" from the film "Selma." The singer said an early victory for his campaign was the approval of Proposition 47 in California in November, which calls for treating shoplifting, forgery, fraud, petty theft and possession of small amounts of drugs — including cocaine, heroin and methamphetamines — as misdemeanors instead of felonies.

"Once you have that tag of a felony on your name, it's hard for you to do anything," Legend said. "Getting those reduced to misdemeanors really impacted a lot of lives and we hope to launch more initiatives like that around the country." □

'American Warlord' follows Chucky Taylor from U.S. to Liberia

Associated Press

Chucky Taylor's 2008 trial in Miami federal court was a sort of homecoming for a young man whose adolescence in Florida had been like so many others bored with the suburbs and long-

ing for absent fathers.

The surreal journey Taylor took from Florida to Liberia and then back to stand trial for torture is the subject of "American Warlord." Through public records requests, trial transcripts, in-

terviews in the U.S. and Liberia, and letters from Taylor himself, journalist Johnny Dwyer tried to piece together what happened to Taylor that made him such a unique catch for U.S. authorities. □



In this April 3, 2014 file photo provided by CBS, David Letterman, host of the "Late Show with David Letterman," smiles after announcing his retirement during a taping in New York.

Associated Press

Letterman packing his show with stars as end nears

NEW YORK (AP) — David Letterman is packing his final 28 shows as a late-night host with a who's who of Hollywood names and favorites leading up to his May 20 swan song.

CBS announced Monday that his guests will include Bill Murray, George Clooney, Steve Martin, Jerry Seinfeld, Robert Downey Jr., Will Ferrell,

Tina Fey, Tom Hanks, Scarlett Johansson, Sarah Jessica Parker, Don Rickles,

Julia Roberts, Ray Romano, Howard Stern, Oprah Winfrey, Martin Short, John Travolta, Michael J. Fox and Alec Baldwin. And there will be others who haven't been announced yet. Musical guests will include Elvis Costello, Dave Matthews Band, Mumford and Sons, Norah Jones, Amos Lee and Tracy Chapman.

Letterman hasn't specified who, if anyone, will join him for his final show after 33 years on late-night TV. □

4 'Game of Thrones' episodes leaked as new season begins

LOS ANGELES (AP) — HBO says leaked episodes of "Game of Thrones" came from within a group given approval to receive them. The premium cable channel said it is "actively assessing" how the breach occurred, declining Monday to provide further details.

Saturday's piracy occurred the day before "Game of Thrones" returned for its fifth season.

Four of the season's 10 episodes were leaked online

to torrent sites. Within an hour, there were reportedly more than 1 million downloads of episode one.

Media critics and reporters are among those who routinely received advance copies of HBO programs. The DVDs are marked with serial numbers to identify the recipients.

The leak comes on the heels of the launch of HBO Now, a stand-alone streaming service for fantasy drama "Game of Thrones" and other HBO fare. □

Rock hall opening doors to Ringo Starr

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NEW YORK (AP) — The first few years after the Beatles split, Ringo Starr had bragging rights on his mates.

He was all over the radio with "It Don't Come Easy," "Back Off Boogaloo," "Photograph" and other singles at a time that John Lennon, Paul McCartney and George Harrison went through some uneven stretches.

"I had all these hits and everybody was surprised," Starr recalled. "I don't know why they were, but they were."

Everyone's favorite genial drummer still has his pride. Already a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a Beatle, Starr will be inducted this weekend as an individual, joining John, Paul and George with that distinction. He keeps busy at age 74, touring regularly and promoting a just-released new disc, "Postcards From Paradise."

Besides Starr, new inductees to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Saturday will be Green Day, Bill Withers, Lou Reed, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Joan Jett, the Paul Butterfield Blues Band and the "5" Royales.

Starr wasn't expecting the honor and, in fact, it has raised questions about whether there is a special Beatle entrance.

McCartney told Rolling Stone magazine recent-



In this Monday, March 30, 2015 photo, Ringo Starr poses for a portrait at The London Hotel, in West Hollywood, Calif.

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ly that, when reminded Starr wasn't in the hall on his own, he vowed to see what he could do.

"I talked to Bruce Springsteen and I talked to Dave Grohl, and they both thought he should be in. And I said I'd do the induction. That took care of it," he said.

Rather than being nominated and voted upon by the full panel of musicians, journalists and others who choose most members, Starr was selected under a "musical excellence" category. That category has been used four times, none before 2011.

Joel Peresman, president and CEO of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation, said these honorees are chosen by committee. Although lobbying calls are taken, induction is a group decision. He said that any calls that come in during the process — including, presumably, McCartney's — "are purely coincidental."

"I only knew about it when Paul McCartney called me and said, 'they want to honor you at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. I'll be doing the speech for you. Will you accept?'" Starr said. "I said sure, how great is

that?"

Only an occasional singer and lyricist with the Beatles, Starr has maintained an active recording career, particularly since getting sober in the late 1980s. Since 1992, he's put out as many discs of original material as McCartney, his fellow Beatle survivor, even more if you didn't count McCartney's classical excursions.

His "Ringo 2012" disc sold fewer than 20,000 copies, according to Nielsen Soundscan. Numbers like that are why many artists of his generation stop making new music. Starr may joke onstage about how few

people buy his new music, but he said making it is important to him.

"That's where I come from — you made records, you put them out," he said. "Also, for me, it's a great excuse to hang out with a lot of friends and a lot of great musicians. It's part of my life. This is what I do."

He expresses no interest in writing a book, but has written on recent discs songs that he considers mini-autobiographies looking back on slices of his life. In "Liverpool 8," he sang of leaving his hometown, "but I never let you down." The song "The Other Side of Liverpool" name-checks old friends and talks about growing up poor. On the new album, "Rory and the Hurricanes" is about the band he drummed for before accepting an offer to join the Beatles, who then had less of a following than the Hurricanes.

Starr had sat in for ex-Beatles drummer Pete Best a couple of times in Germany.

Could that be the best decision in rock history?

"I was as surprised as anyone when the phone call came — 'do you want to join?' — and I said sure, because I loved the band," Starr said. "It was not a difficult decision because I just loved to play with those three, not knowing where it was going to go, of course." □



In this April 13, 2013, file photo, Jimmie Vaughan performs at Eric Clapton's Crossroads Guitar Festival 2013 at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Plans are in the works in Dallas for an art piece honoring blues

guitarist brothers Stevie Ray and Jimmie Vaughan at a park located just blocks

Dallas art honoring blues guitarist Vaughan brothers planned

from the home where they grew up. The Dallas Morning News reports that documentary filmmaker Kirby Warnock has been working since last year with Kay Kallos, the public art program manager in the City of Dallas' Office of Cultural Affairs, to secure a spot in the Oak Cliff neighborhood's Kiest Park to honor the late Stevie Ray Vaughan and his older brother, Jimmie.

It's "been a long, slow slog," says Warnock, whose 2013 documentary "When

Dallas Rocked" lamented the lack of a Stevie Ray Vaughan memorial in Dallas. "But it will be worth it." Stevie Ray Vaughan, a two-time Grammy winner, was killed in a 1990 helicopter crash at the age of 35. This month he's set to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Warnock's website on the project says it has the approval of Jimmie Vaughan. Last April, the City Council approved spending \$74,000 for a piece of

public art in Kiest Park, but had not decided what the artwork would be. That's when Warnock entered the picture and began the paperwork to justify his request. He noted in his proposal that a nearby middle school gives out a scholarship established by the brothers' mother. He also notes the brothers proudly proclaimed their Dallas roots in media interviews and recorded a song titled "DFW" to honor their hometown. □

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